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## Arctic blizzards prompt No 10 meeting on cold weather payments

# Government's about-turn on £5 freeze aid

In a surprising and sudden about-turn which delighted Conservative MPs and caught the Opposition unawares, the Government yesterday responded to criticism of its severe weather payments scheme by announcing several days early that all the 1.5 million people entitled to it will get their £5 payment this week.

With Britain still in the grip of Arctic weather conditions the move, which involves the effective scrapping of the scheme for this first week of the freeze, was taken at a hastily-called Downing Street lunchtime meeting yesterday between the Prime Minister, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr John Macgregor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury. It was announced to the Commons during Question Time by Mr John Major, the Minister for Social Security.

It was followed by a bitter Commons row between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock, who said that it was an admission of the utter incompetence of the present "stupid" system and told her to get rid of it.

Mrs Thatcher said that given the unprecedentedly low temperatures the Government was "waiving strict bureaucratic procedures".

The dispute will be pursued in a full-day Commons debate today in a debate chosen by the Opposition on the plight of old people, although the Government whips last night were confident that Mr Fowler's move had taken the sting out of the Opposition attack.

The decision, to be extensively advertised in the national press tomorrow and Friday, will cost the Government £7.5 million this week. It was taken so that the one million pensioners on supplementary benefit, and some 500,000 other families on supplementary benefit with a child under two or with someone chronically sick and disabled, know that they are assured of the payment and will be encouraged to use it on heating their homes.

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The decision therefore met one of the main criticisms of the scheme — that people cannot be certain until the end of a cold week whether they will qualify for the payment.

Under the rules, payment is due only if temperatures fall to an average of 29 deg F (minus 1.5 deg C) for a seven-day period from Monday to Sunday. Without yesterday's decision it would have been next Tuesday before the Government announced which areas of the country had triggered the special payment for the past week.

It was clear last night that while the cold spell continues, the situation will be reviewed weekly, with the likelihood of a similar announcement next week.

Mr Major told MPs that the Government's firm expectation was that the trigger point of the payments would be reached throughout the country this week. Because of that and the unprecedented cold weather everyone eligible would receive the payment this week.

In response to calls from both sides to look at the way the formula operated in future Mr Major said that his mind was open.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, said that the trigger point was absurdly low, and the payment of £5 came nowhere near to meeting need. He suggested a £5 automatic payment every week during the winter.

Mr Major's announcement was loudly cheered by Conservative MPs, particularly as an Opposition onslaught against Mrs Thatcher in her Question-Time session had been widely anticipated.

Mr Kinnock welcomed Mr Major's move but said it was a "hopelessly inadequate way of trying to remove the gross deficiencies of a pathetically bad system".

He asked whether MPs were to expect weekly announcements by ministers so that the old and cold could live. He called on the Government to scrap the present inadequate system and introduce one which provided secure and constant help, responding to deep fears about paying bills.

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### Branson's balloon venture

Mr Richard Branson, the airline and pop music entrepreneur, plans to cross the Atlantic this summer in the world's largest hot air balloon.

As he revealed the £750,000 project yesterday, he was challenged to a race by a rival British balloonist, Mr Donald Cameron **Page 20**

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## Jubilant mood hits Tory MPs

***By Robin Oakley***
**Political Editor**

Conservative MPs were cock-a-hoop at Westminster yesterday as a heady electioneering atmosphere built up on only the second day back at Westminster after the Christmas recess.

First the Chancellor renewed his commitment to cut tax if he possibly can in this year's Budget. Then they were cheered by new opinion poll figures, Government announcements of increased rate support grant and swift ministerial action to trigger extra heating payments for the elderly.

A Harris opinion poll for TV-am yesterday gave support for the parties as Conservatives 42 per cent, Labour 37 per cent, Alliance 20 per cent and others 1 per cent.

It was the first time that the Conservatives had scored 42 per cent support since Mr Kinnock became the Labour party leader.

Tory MPs had already been delighted at the weekend by news of a Gallup poll showing only a 1.9 per cent swing to Labour in the 131 target marginal seats. But this news was offset somewhat by another Harris poll in *The Observer* showing Labour with a 35 per cent lead in Green-

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## Extreme cold could freeze human flesh, RAF warns

**By David Cross**

The bitterly cold weather, accompanied by more snowfalls and chill winds, strengthened its grip on all parts of the country yesterday with weatherman forecasting more of the same until the weekend at least.

The Meteorological Office said last night that a biting north-east airstream would affect all areas today with further outbreaks of snow in some southern and eastern districts. Temperatures would remain at or below freezing point everywhere.

A spokesman at RAF Wittering's met office in Cambridgeshire said that the wind chill factor would bring temperatures down to minus 25 deg C in some areas, cold enough to freeze human flesh.

British Gas reported that a record 11,000 million cubic feet of gas had been sent out to customers over a 24-hour period, 15 per cent more than the highest recorded figure, and the Central Electricity Generating Board said that power stations were being stretched to the limit. Voltage was reduced by 3 per cent last night as demand reached a new peak, and electricity chiefs warned that breakdowns in generators could trigger power cuts.

As the snow moved westwards from the South-east to blanket other areas, Kent and Essex were again the counties which suffered most from the Arctic conditions. For the second day running road and rail commuters were advised to stay at home unless their journeys were really necessary. In Hampshire police were told to keep a special watch on old people to prevent them dying from hypothermia.

A spokesman for British Rail Southern Region said that conditions on lines into Kent were appalling. One train packed with passengers and trapped by a snowdrift since Monday night at Bearsted, near Maidstone, was finally freed yesterday afternoon.

At Chatham station one girl was still trying to get home to Wembley after being stranded since the weekend and on the Isle of Sheppey, which had been snowbound since Sunday night, the Army was called in to take urgently needed medical supplies to the local hospital.

The Automobile Association said that the Medway towns were almost cut off by road and on the M25, M3 and M23, parts of which were blocked at times, traffic was restricted to two lanes. Speed restrictions were enforced on motorways in the Midlands and North as goods vehicles littered the snow-covered countryside with frozen diesel pipelines.

Police in Kent said they were horrified by the behaviour of a group of motorists driving on the wrong side of the M20 motorway after crossing the central reservation when their passage was blocked with snow.

Blizzards and snowdrifts on the border between England and Scotland meant that only a handful of Euston to Glasgow trains were able to complete their journeys. The Isles of Scilly were buried under the deepest snowfalls since 1947 and a temperature of minus 13.3 deg C was recorded at the Watnall weather centre which covers Nottinghamshire and

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## Ridley's spending spree for councils

**By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent**

A spending spree by local authorities in the run-up to the general election was approved last night by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

He is providing town halls with £1 billion extra rate support grant, 9 per cent more than last year, which with higher rate revenue, will increase spending by 13 per cent, or £2,750 million, to £25,250 million in 1987-88.

A windfall grant of £385 million, withheld by ministers two years ago because of supposed council overspending, will be handed out because most authorities have brought spending closer to government targets.

In another display of central government largesse, Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Transport, announced that he is giving highway authorities £180 million in transport supplementary grant next year, an increase of almost 10 per cent. The money helps to pay for road projects with more than local importance.

Mr Moore is also approving 70 new road schemes costing £350 million whose cost will shared between local and central government.

In spite of the bonuses for councils, Mr. Ridley insisted average rate increases should be only 1.2 per cent, below the rate of inflation.

While Mr Ridley gave details of the increases, his officials were yesterday informing 20 high-spending authorities, all but one Labour-controlled, what their rate must be next year.

The authorities, with percentage change in rate between 1986-87 and 1987-88 in brackets, are: Sheffield (-4.79), Gateshead (-9.29), Newcastle-upon-Tyne (-5.09), North Tyneside (7.10), Camden (1.45), Greenwich (4.03), Hackney (-11.83), Islington (-13.47), Lambeth (-10.36), Lewisham (-7.29), Southwark (-8.03), Tower Hamlets, which is Liberal-controlled; (9.94), Brent (6.63), Haringey (-6.02), Hounslow (-0.59), Newham (-26.40), Middlesborough (-7.18), Brighton (-38.66), Basildon (0.17), and Thamesdown (0.88).

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## Life for murder of girl

Gary Taken was sentenced yesterday to custody for life at the Central Criminal Court after his conviction for the murder of Tessa Howden, aged 19, as she lay in her bed (Stewart Tendler writes):

Taken, aged 20, was said to have been obsessed with the girl who lived near him at Selsdon, Surrey, and he attacked her after breaking into her home in the dead of night. Her parents heard nothing but discovered their daughter's body the next day.

After the case Det Supt Paul Richards, who led the hunt for the girl's killer, said Taken was an "evil man" and a "little pervert who went over the top after eight pints of lager".

Sex obsession, page 3

## Directors' future in balance

**By Lawrence Lever**

The future of two more Guinness directors is hanging in the balance and will be discussed at today's crucial board meeting of the troubled brewing and leisure group.

Dr Arthur Fürer and Mr Thomas Ward were both named by Mr Olivier Roux, the former finance director, in a letter dealing with the support given to Guinness's share price during the bid for Distillers.

It was this letter which precipitated Mr Saunders standing down as chairman.

At the same time Mr Christopher Reeves, the chief executive of Morgan Grenfell, advisers to Guinness during the bid, is expected to be giving evidence the government inspectors later this week.

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## French photographer kidnapped in Beirut

**From Juan Carlos Gumucio, Beirut**

M Roger Auque, a French freelance photographer aged 31, was kidnapped yesterday from his home in Muslim west Beirut, where he had returned after photographing Mr Terry Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy, on his latest mission to secure the release of hostages.

He was accompanied on his return to his flat, at the top of a six-storey building in Raouché, by his Lebanese driver and by M Paul Marchand, a reporter who, with M Auque, constituted the entire French press corps in west Beirut.

M Marchand was accosted by two armed men as he waited for M Auque to get more equipment. One gunman said: "You speak English, you come. You don't come, I kill you." But the reporter escaped after a shot was fired near his foot.

He shouted to M Auque to "run" as he fled from the narrow street. But M Auque had just emerged from the lift and met the gunmen, who dragged him out and pushed him into a white Mercedes.

He is the sixth foreign journalist kidnapped in Beirut since 1984.

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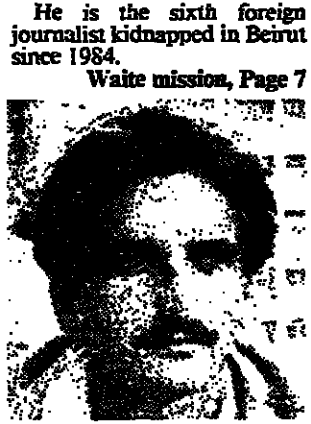

**M Auque: Met kidnappers as he left the elevator.**

## Call to increase student grants

**By John Clare**
**Education Correspondent**

An immediate and significant increase in the size of the student grant was called for yesterday in a unanimous report by the Commons Select Committee on Education.

The committee, which has a Conservative majority, says hardship is being experienced by many students and the families who support them.

It claims low grants are preventing students "of academic quality" from pursuing courses to the best of their abilities.

Describing its proposals as "modest", the committee adds that its intention is "not to featherbed students but to provide them with adequate resources to benefit fully from the opportunities for study and further development."

Among the committee's other recommendations are a reduction in the contributions parents are expected to make and an increase in the range of courses attracting a mandatory grant.

Sir William van Straubenzee, the committee chairman, refused to reveal how much the committee's proposals would cost. Student grants currently cost £650 million a year.

Despite low grants, the MPs record that there is no evidence that academic achievement has declined and they say the drop-out rate has "fallen rather than risen in recent years".

Noting the Department of Education's estimate that, based on the retail price index,

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## Dean loses vote on 58p levy

**By Tim Jones**

Members of Britain's biggest print union, Sogat '82, have delivered a humiliating blow to Miss Brenda Dean, its general secretary, by voting against a special levy of 58p to help sustain its dispute with News International and save it from bankruptcy.

In spite of being told by Miss Dean that the union was financially crippled, the members voted by 51,187 to 44,265 — a majority of 6,922 — against a six-month levy designed to bring in £119,000 a week and more than £3 million by July. Only 56 per cent of the membership voted.

The union's national executive will now meet within the next few days to consider whether to continue with the

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## Chad officials show off captured Libyans

**From Philip Jacobson, Ndjamena**

Somewhere in Libya, the family of a young soldier called Abdul Saleh Salim wait in anguish to learn of his fate.

Abdul was among more than 100 prisoners of war put on show here by the Chadian authorities yesterday, most of them captured during the fierce clash at the northern oasis of Fada some two weeks ago.

His name was called out by an official in the auditorium of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a slight, dark young man in a shabby green uniform raised his hand.

Abdul appeared to be in good shape, unlike several of his comrades wincing in pain as they squatted in three rows on a bare stage, gazing into the television lights with blank, resigned faces.

In front of them, on a field stretcher, lay a small motionless figure still deep in shock from his wounds. There was an audible gasp from the audience of diplomats and local dignitaries when they saw how terribly his face had been burned.

From the moment the long file of prisoners had shuffled barefoot onto the stage, one hand on the shoulder of the man in front, it was clear that his would be one of those demeaning occasions when journalists become willingly enough caught up in a propaganda excercise.

Some of the Chadian troops who had fought at Fada were present in their nattiest camouflage outfits, quietly regarding the beaten and dispirited foe.

**Colonel Gadaffi has called for a Muslim Holy War against Chad. In a speech broadcast on Libyan radio, monitored by the BBC, he said President Habré of Chad had sought the help of Jews and Christians. Speaking to Islamic preachers, Colonel Gaddafi also said the French now ruled in Ndjamena.**

The Chadian Minister of Information opened proceedings with a long and emotional tirade against Colonel Gadaffi and the atrocities his troops are alleged to be carrying out against civilians in the areas they were occupying.

Invited to interview any of the prisoners, the press made a beeline for a muscular fellow with conspicuously blue eyes and fairish hair.

Although all the captives' names had sounded Arabic, there are persistent rumours that Colonel Gadaffi is employing foreign mercenaries as advisers.

In the event, the subject of our interest — remarkably composed before a battery of cameras and microphones — gave convincing enough details of his family qnd village back home in Libyam.

Standing quietly behind the most recent batch of prisoners were 17 slightly bored looking men in clean white robes.

These were Libyans captured long before the present round of hostilities erupted.Among them was a handsome, grey-haired man with an air of authority that set him apart from the rest.

It turned out that he was a pilot called Muhammad whose Mig 21 had been brought down by a missile in 1983. In passable English, he told us that he had ejected and wandered for three days in the desert before encountering a Chadian army patrol.

He looked pretty fit, and when we asked how he and the others had beeen treated in captivity replied politely: "Well enough, thank you."

It was encouraging to learn from Muhammad that the longer term captives had been visited by representatives of the Red Cross office in Ndjamena, and were allowed to send letters home.

The Chadian authorities maintain adamantly that, unlike their enemy, they respect the Geneva Convention. They assured us that the most recent Libyan prisoners will be similarly treated.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

### Paper locks out journalists

Most of the 90 journalists employed by the *Belfast Telegraph*, the largest of Northern Ireland's three daily newspapers, were locked out by their management yesterday for refusing training in new technology production methods, despite having obtained an interim injunction from the High Court, in Belfast, that they be permitted to work normally.

A subsequent application by the company, a member of Thomson Regional Newspapers Group, that the High Court should overturn the injunction was dismissed, but journalists were still prevented from entering the building when they sought to return to work.

The journalists were asked individually to sign undertakings that they would begin training on the new machines when they arrived at work normally yesterday. Most refused to do so and were physically prevented from entering the building.

### Ulster 'middle way'

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday appealed to middle-ranking members of Ulster's political parties to begin inter-party talks without involving party leaders, ministers or government representatives.

Low level talks might "break the sterility and the policy of abstention and obstruction which we've seen in the past year. All that has happened has damaged the interests, the economy and the good name of the province," he said.

Condemning the year-long protest by Unionists which involved abstention from Parliament and the continuous adjournment of many local councils, he said: "The lessons of the last year must ensure that we don't see a further year of sterility."

### Factories in gear

Britain produced more than one million cars for the second year consecutive year in 1986, but output was down 3 per cent on 1985, at 1,018,000. Despite rising production from Ford and Vauxhall's plants, the reduced output from Austin Rover and the virtual demise of Peugeot Talbot's Peykan kit exports to Iran caused the overall drop.

After the production of 266,000 commercial vehicles in 1985, output slipped sharply by 14 per cent to 228,800, close to the depressed level of 1984.

### Rent Act eased

Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, lifted two restrictions on private landlords last night as part of his "right-to-rent" campaign.

Landlords will be able to impose higher rents agreed by a rent officer immediately, instead of having to phase them in over two years. Landlords in greater London will also be able to let property on a yearly basis without needing to register a fair rent with a rent officer.

Tenants eligibility for rent rebates will be unaffected.

### Art in the corridors

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, evidently believes that the corridors of power have a rather dreary image.

He has come up with a scheme for brightening up government departments by exhibiting promising work by young British artists.

Mr Luce unveiled his latest initiative last night when opening an exhibition of British art in the twentieth century at the Royal Academy. He said art deserved more encouragement.

### Barlinnie charge

The man at the centre of the recent rooftop siege at Barlinnie Prison was accused yesterday of assaulting a prison officer the day the trouble started.

Samuel Ralston, aged 23, dessribed as a prisoner at Barlinnie, appeared in private at Glasgow Sheriff Court. It is alleged that on January 5 in the dining room of "B" hall, he assaulted prison officer William McGlain and struck hium repeatedly on the head and body with chairs, to his injury.

Mr Paul Langan, his solicitor, made no plea on behalf of Ralston, of Longstone Road, Cranhill, Glasgow, who was remanded in custody for further inquiries.

# Ulster MP accused of encouraging mob terror in Republic

By Richard Ford.

The deputy leader of Ulster's Democratic Unionist Party was accused yesterday of participating in "hijacking" a border village in the Irish Republic during a display of mob rule and terror.

Peter Robinson, the MP for East Belfast, is alleged to have aided and abetted a "loyalist" crowd, armed with cudgels and dressed in paramilitary style uniforms, during a takeover in which two policemen were seriously assaulted and malicious damage was caused to vehicles and property.

Mr Robinson, who had been wearing a "bomber jacket" and jeans under a weatherproof suit, was arrested as he ran away after a policeman had been kicked and beaten by part of a crowd of 150, the Special Criminal Court in Dublin was told.

He denied assault or causing malicious damage and said he was at Clontibret, Co Monaghan, to observe an operation aimed at assessing the level of security on the border.

Mr Robinson, aged 38, was said to have signed a document at Monaghan Police Station which said: "Peter Robinson, for God and Ulster."

The mob, it was claimed, was part of a well-planned operation aimed at provoking and taunting the Republic's security forces into action, and inciting fear among the village's inhabitants.

Officers of the Gardai, the Republic's police force, fired a volley of shots to disperse the mob, which arrived by road during the early hours of the morning, and was drilled along the village's main street.

As the mob fled, Mr Robinson was detained. Fragments of glass from the windscreen and headlights of three damaged vehicles were found on his clothes, the court was told.

The court was surrounded by armed police and soldiers yesterday as Mr Robinson, accompanied by his wife, Iris, and Mr Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, arrived for the trial.

The MP pleaded not guilty to four charges of assaulting Gardai, one of unlawful assembly and six of damaging vehicles, roadsigns and a loud speaker during the incident last August.

Mr Kevin Haugh, for the prosecution, said the mob took over the village and and a human barrier was formed to turn back approaching vehicles. The majority of the crowd were dressed in black balaclavas and anoraks and were armed with cudgels. They daubed "Ulster has Awakened" on the Protestant school and police station.

Mr Haugh said the objective had been to provoke a confrontation by behaving in a "lawless and flagrant manner to test the reaction of the security forces to the invasion and hijacking of a village. It was an attempt to render the Gardai powerless in the face of this mob and was intended to incite fear and alarm among the inhabitants in the village."

He said the state did not seek to prove that Mr Robinson by himself actually committed the assaults or caused the malicious damage. But he said the accused "was acting in consort with the mob", which was part of a planned operation.

"Even by his presence, not as a disinterested observer, he was aiding, abetting and encouraging the entire operation. He was somewhere in the heart of it," Mr Haugh said.

Gardai and their families living behind the police station were terrified.

Sergeant Peter Hunt told the court that he drove to the village after receiving reports of about 150 people arriving in the early morning.

Along with other officers he approached the crowd, but uniformed Gardai were attacked when they left their car. Officers then fired a volley of shots from a sub machine gun and a revolver to disperse the crowd. Sgt Hunt grabbed Mr Robinson and detained him.

When asked to give an account of his movements, the MP said: "I was observing the operation aimed at assessing the level of security on the border, which Mr Tom King and Mr Peter Barry say is the best it has ever been.

"I travelled for at least 1½ hours along narrow roads and never saw any members of the security forces on either side of the border until Clontibret. I did not engage in either malicious damage or assault on anyone. I was merely observing."

The trial continues today.

## NHS gets Aids overseer

By Jill Sherman

The National Health Service has appointed its first regional Aids coordinator to help to prevent the spread of the disease in the Mersey region.

Mr Dominic Davies, who took up his post last week, will coordinate all local publicity and educational material about Aids and act as a liaison officer between voluntary groups in the area.

Mr Davies, aged 27, a former social and youth worker and training consultant at Leicester University, said: "I intend to initiate a youth campaign to get information about safe sex to young people from when they first become sexually active."

Although the region has had only eight cases of Aids so far, it started a needle exchange scheme for drug addicts and distributes free condoms to addicts and prostitutes.

● In Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a doctor told an inquiry yesterday that the deaths of two men who died of Aids after being injected with the blood-clotting agent, factor eight, highlighted a campaign for compensation for families of haemophiliacs with the virus.

Dr Peter Jones said Aids "was a tragedy of modern medicine" which had infected about 60 per cent of severe haemophiliacs before it was detected in 1983.

Verdicts of death by natural causes were recorded on Raymond Pearson, aged 54, of Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, who died of stomach cancer last February, and Stephen Longstaff, aged 20, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, who died of mouth cancer last April.

● Two former London property developers, Mr Peter Arthur and Mr Jonathan Lister, are setting up a private blood bank, offering to store the blood of those who fear contracting Aids through transfusions, for a one-off fee of £440 and an annual £160.

● Tests at the Pasteur Institute in Paris have shown that benzalkonium-chloride, a spermicide contained in the contraceptive product, Pharmatex, is capable of inactivating the Aids virus.

A leading British Aids specialist, Dr Anthony Pinching, of St Mary's Hospital, London, said the French claims were encouraging but clinical tests were needed to verify the claims.

## Kinnock dismisses arts spokesman

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday dismissed Mr Norman Buchan as Labour's frontbench spokesman on the arts after a dispute over the Labour leader's watering down of his party's proposed new ministry of arts and media.

Mr Kinnock's concern that the department would be depicted as a "ministry of culture on the Goebbels model" was a factor in his decision, Mr Buchan, aged 64, the Tribunite MP for Paisley South said.

The dispute centres on a policy statement narrowly approved by the party's home policy committee on Monday. Mr Buchan, an old friend of Mr Kinnock's, said the statement flouted party conference policy by denying the new ministry powers over the broadcasting media, leaving them with the Home Office and Department of Trade and Industry.

He was angered also by its failure to accord Cabinet status to the new post.

Later, Mr Kinnock appointed Mr Mark Fisher, aged 42, MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central, as Mr Buchan's replacement. A former college principal, he is a member of the hard left Campaign Group of Labour MPs.

Mr Buchan was dismissed after a "cool" four-minute meeting at which he made clear his opposition to the new approach. He later explained that he could not go back to his supporters in the arts world and the media and press unions and admit that all he had been saying over the past three years had been untrue.

The new policy document meant that the cornerstone of Labour's approach to the arts and the media had been "blown out of the window" because vital regulatory powers over broadcasting wavelengths and other legal matters remained the province of government departments seen as agents of "control and oppression".

Mr Kinnock said in a statement: "I regret that Norman Buchan could not accept a document which is entirely consistent with party policy and which will ensure a great extension of access and opportunity, and an improvement in the quantity and quality of performing and broadcast arts in Britain".

Mr Buchan said he suspected there were two reasons for Mr Kinnock's opposition to the shake-up, which, according to the Labour leader, will have "massive powers" to formulate a new arts strategy, create jobs and increase public investment.

"He is afraid it would be identified as a ministry of culture on the Goebbels model. But in that case he shouldn't have said giving it 'massive powers', because he's not." Mr Kinnock was also anxious not to upset the "integrity and solidarity" of his Shadow Cabinet, Mr Buchan claimed.

## Surplus teachers have cost £350m says audit

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Local education authorities in England have spent £350 million over the past four years employing surplus teachers, according to a report published yesterday by the National Audit Office.

The report blames the "unwillingness" of local councils to carry through government plans to reduce the size of the teaching force as the number of school-age children falls.

It points out that while the Secretary of State for Education can "exhort" authorities to act, his statutory powers are restricted.

The figures suggest that local authorities are employing about 10,000 teachers more than the department believes necessary.

However, that surplus is also contributing to the best pupil-teacher ratio yet.

The number of teachers fell from 438,000 in 1979 to 405,000 in 1984, the report says.

But in each year since 1980 the fall has been less than the Government's target.

In the past 10 years, 1.2 million places have been removed because of the fall in the birth rate which began in the mid-1960s.

Another 800,000 places are due to go in the next five years, after which a small rise in the number of primary school children is expected.

## Record cold spell and snowstorms

Skiing to work in Glasgow and a long bread queue in Wrotham, Kent.

## Big freeze extends its grip

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Derbyshire - the lowest for 23 years.

In Fife, nearly 6,000 workers were sent home for the day when snow forced the closure of the Royal Navy's dockyard at Rosyth. Edinburgh airport was closed and flights to Glasgow and Aberdeen were interrupted to allow snow ploughs to clear the runways.

The Duke of Edinburgh cancelled a trip from Norfolk to Brussels for a World Wildlife Fund concert because of deep snow at RAF Marham near Sandringham.

● Police were called to hundreds of homes to rescue pensioners yesterday as emergency services were flooded with reports of elderly people dying as a result of the freezing conditions.

A widow, aged 72, died in hospital after a rescue attempt set off by a transatlantic phonecall. Mrs Evelyn Randall was found semi-conscious by police on the landing of her home in Beaulieu Road, Christchurch, Dorset.

They had been alerted at midnight by Mrs Randall's son Brian, who is working in San Carlos, California.

● A border collie sniffer dog found a man aged 18 propped against a snowbank on Ulster's highest mountain, the 2,790 ft Slieve Donard.

"He was almost literally frozen solid, propped against the snowbank, still conscious and his feet were in a particularly bad way," Mr Neil Powell, of Mourne Mountains civilian rescue team, said.

## Power cuts feared as freeze-up bites

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Parts of Britain were in danger of being blacked out last night as the Central Electricity Generating Board admitted that the nation's power stations were "pushed to the limit" by the effects of the severe weather.

During the early evening peak period, the board was expecting demand to exceed 49,000 megawatts, almost 3,000 megawatts higher than the last record demand which occurred on January 17, 1985, when the country was in the grip of the miners' strike.

Last night's huge demand for electricity forced the CEGB to insist that the 130 big industrial consumers on so-called interruptible electricity supplies shut down non-essential machinery and other equipment between 4.30pm and 6pm.

The situation was aggravated by an initial lack of power flowing through the £760 million Anglo-French cross-channel cable, opened last year and designed to allow both countries to take advantage of differing peak demand periods for electricity.

British Gas said it was facing its highest demand for 50 years. In the 24 hours up to 6am yesterday, it sent out 11,027 million cubic feet of gas, 20 per cent more than the last one-day peak last February. A small proportion of interruptible customers had been asked to cut down.

Tens of thousands of workers in shops, offices and factories yesterday took heed of advice from local authorities, the police and motoring organizations and stayed at home. Tyne and Wear and Kent were particularly badly hit and there were reports of factories planning to close down if the cold spell persists.

The Confederation of British Industry said it had had no reports of specific companies facing problems other than lateness or non-arrival of staff, or transport difficulties.

A hurried survey of the country carried out by the Association of British Chambers of Commerce demonstrated how a few days of icy weather can cripple industry.

Glasgow: Ten inches of snow and the local Chamber of Commerce closed down because staff failed to arrive. There was fierce criticism of council snow-clearing.

Edinburgh: Public transport badly hit, with shops and banks closing early.

Leeds: Six inches of snow but most people getting to work.

Birmingham: Some exporters failing to clear consignments because of transport delays.

Nottingham and Northampton: Snow thickening and many staff late to work.

Tyne and Wear: The local chamber said the region "shut down at 2 pm" as workers rushed to get home.

Norwich and Norfolk: Only a quarter of employees managed to get to work through the 12 inches of snow.

London and the south east: About a third of commuters were late to work and some city centre shops began to run out of goods, particularly vegetables.

Kent: Reported to be in "absolute chaos" with telephone lines down and industry and commerce almost at a standstill.

Insurance companies were unable yesterday to quantify what the freezing weather might mean to them in claims. Until the thaw occurs, they will have no idea how many frozen pipes are cracked.

The Association of British Insurers, which covers 90 per cent of insurance companies, said the worst winter since its records began in 1968 was 1981-82, when claims arising from Artic conditions in December and January, followed by flooding, came to £308 million.

Panic buying of fresh, frozen and canned fruit and vegetables and bread in anticipation of shortages, was reported yesterday.

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau said that vegetables such as carrots, leeks, brussel sprouts, cabbages and cauliflowers were likely to become scarce and more expensive by the end of the week if the freezing conditions continued.

There should be no problems with potatoes and fruit from store.

## Red-tape love story ends

A young cancer sufferer has died at a hospice in Warwick, weeks after he and his girl friend were given special permission to move into a council flat.

Gary Walker, aged 22, and Elizabeth Horler, aged 23, met at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, where she nursed him. Coventry City Council cut through red tape to find the couple a ground-floor flat, which they moved into just before Christmas.

## Jubilant mood hits Tory MPs

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wich, where a by-election is imminent.

The Tories were also cheered by Mr Kinnock's announcement that he would almost certainly reverse any tax cuts and by Mr Giles Radice's pledge that Labour would end grammar schools within two years of coming to office and also end the charitable tax status of independent schools.

Mr Lawson, speaking on BBC Radio yesterday, said that he did not know if he would be able to reduce tax levels this year from the present 29 per cent standard rate, but emphasized that that remained his objective.

Most MPs are convinced that increased oil prices following OPEC action and the continuing high tax receipts from the High Street shopping boom have given the Chancellor room to make tax cuts of at least 2p in the pound.

Tory MPs had been uneasy over the working of the Government's new heating benefit scheme.

But after an emergency meeting just before lunch yesterday between Mrs Thatcher and social security ministers, it was announced during Question Time that the Government was temporarily suspending its own system and promising payments this week.

## Aspiring authors win Arts Council backing

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

The Arts Council is planning to increase its support for aspiring authors, following criticism that it has been neglecting literature in recent years.

A policy statement by the council yesterday announced that a full-time director of literature will be reappointed next month and listed a series of projects for encouraging new work.

The director's post was abolished a year ago as part of an internal review.

The statement coincided with a report by the National Campaign for the Arts which said writers were suffering from a substantial cut in Arts Council grants.

The campaign noted that the council's support for literature had fallen from almost £1 million in 1984-85 to £488,000 this year. It is to be further reduced to £462,000 in the next financial year.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general of the council, said he was aware that many people believed it had been "short-changing" contemporary authors.

However its draft policy had brought "a breath of fresh air" through its literature department, and it was now committed to a vigorous programme of activities.

Mr Rittner said the council was committed to lobbying for a National Literature Centre on London's South Bank; promoting children's literature; supporting book fairs and specialist distributors; giving priority to writers-in-residence schemes and considering joint ventures with commercial publishers.

The recent cut-backs stemmed from the council's regional development policy, introduced in 1984, which projected central funding being replaced by increased support at regional level.

In its statement, the council admitted the results had been disappointing, adding that there clearly remained a need for a national body to initiate research and fund developments.

# Japanese wins Whitbread prize

By Philip Howard, Literary Editor

Kazuo Ishiguro, the young, anglicized Japanese novelist, was given the Whitbread Literary Award last night for *An Artist of the Floating World* (Faber, £8.95), which also appeared on the short list of six for the Booker Prize last October.

He receives £17,500 in addition to the £1,000 he has already won for being voted first in the novel category. The Whitbread has now become Britain's most valuable literary award, disbursing £22,500 annually in prizes, including £1,000 each for winners in the novel, poetry, biography, first novel and children's novel categories.

This year's judges, who included the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Michael Havers and Mr Ken Livingstone, arrived at their impossible decision between quite different categories far more quickly than last year. The preliminary postal voting gave the winner an overall majority, without need for recourse to increasingly desperate proportional ballots while everybody waited for dinner.

Kazuo Ishiguro was born in Nagasaki in 1954 and moved to England with his family when he was six. He was educated at the University of Kent, where he read English and Philosophy, and then went to do his Master's degree at the University of East Anglia.

His first novel, *A Pale View of Hills*, was awarded the Winifred Holtby Prize by the Royal Society of Literature.

In *An Artist of the Floating World*, an ageing, once famous painter in Nagasaki looks back over his life with bewilderment and increasing guilt; assessing his career that coincided with the rise of Japanese militarism and ended with the bomb.

It is about art and politics, ambition and integrity, past and present. And it is drawn as delicately as a Japanese watercolour. Japan, it seems, whatever mistakes it may have made in the past, has now another chance to make a better go of things.

"One can only wish these young people well", muses the old painter, coming to terms with the world earthquake he has lived through.

The judges describe the book as: "A little masterpiece. Though clearly set in an alien culture, there's much about the place of an artist in any society."

## Man cleared of threat against Wapping lorry

An unemployed man accused of using threatening behaviour against a TNT lorry delivering to the News International plant at Wapping, east London, had the charge dismissed yesterday.

Thames magistrates found there was no case to answer against Dennis Raynes, aged 31, of Peabody Buildings, Stepney, east London, but bound him over to keep the peace. He had denied throwing an item, causing the lorry to swerve in Commercial Road, Stepney, on October 19, 1986.

Andrew Holmes, aged 27, a print worker, of Mazenwood Avenue, Kilburn, north London, was remanded on conditional bail until January 20 on charges of maliciously wounding and assulting two police officers on December 14 at The Highway, Stepney. He must not go near the picket line.

Six other people were remanded on bail for charges relating to the Wapping dispute, including obstructing police officers.

● Glasgow libraries are to lift their ban on *The Times* after city councillors were warned by officials yesterday that their action was illegal.

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## cause chaos in the cities and transform the countryside into a winter wonderland

Winter beauty at Tadworth, Surrey (Photograph: Harry Kerr) while a lion shelters from the cold at Windsor Safari Park (Photograph: John Rogers).

# Shooting in Brixton 'tragic, not criminal'

By Michael McCarthy

The jury in the Brixton shooting trial was reminded yesterday that an event that ends in tragedy is not necessarily a crime.

Mr Anthony Hidden, QC, in his closing speech for the defence, asked the six men and six women to bear this in mind in judging whether *Inspector Douglas Lovelock* was guilty of unlawfully and maliciously wounding Mrs Dorothy "Cherry" Groce, the innocent woman he shot when leading a raid on her home. The aim of the raid was to detain Mrs Groce's son, Michael, who was wanted on firearms charges.

The shooting left Mrs Groce, aged 39, who has seven children, crippled for life, and led to the Brixton riots of September 1985.

Inspector Lovelock, aged 44, a policeman for 22 years, *has pleaded not guilty. He has* told the court that the shooting was an accident caused by him "tensing", with his finger on the trigger, as Mrs Groce suddenly came upon him.

Mr Hidden told the jury at the Central Criminal Court: "Tragedy is the only word that can be applied to what happened that morning, but because an event occurs and because tragedy follows, it does not mean that a crime has been committed.

"In the less than a second that it took to send the shot on its way from that gun, there was not the conversion of a decent, honest, hard-working *mind into a criminal mind.*"

Mr Lovelock had followed his firearms training in every aspect until the shooting itself — when, if it were deliberate, he should have fired two shots, not the single shot,

Mr Richard Du Cann, for the prosecution, told the jury that it would be their duty to convict if they felt that Mr Lovelock had intended to pull the trigger, or if his pointing the gun with his finger on the *trigger had been unlawful* and unjustifiable.

The judge, Mr Justice Leonard, will sum up today. The jury will retire to consider its verdict on Thursday morning.

# Sex-obsessed killer of Tessa is given life term in custody

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A sexually-obsessed youth, who attacked and murdered a teenage girl in her bed while her parents slept, was sentenced to custody for life yesterday at the Central Criminal Court.

After the conviction of Gary *Taken*, aged 20, an unemployed scaffolder, of Selsdon, Surrey, the parents of Miss Tessa Howden, aged 19, were left with the horror of the scene in her bedroom when they awoke on the morning after her death last January.

The body of Miss Howden, who had been sexually assaulted, slashed 11 times and strangled, was lying propped up in bed when her father, Mr David Howden, brought in a *cup of tea.*

Four days later, detectives were led to Taken's home, a quarter of a mile from the scene, after fingerprints found in the girl's blood were matched with prints taken from him after a conviction for damaging a car. Sunglasses belonging to Taken were also found in the bedroom.

Detectives who searched Taken's home in Weather Way, Selsdon, found more than 90 items of women's underwear, which he had stolen from washing lines in his area. They also found a black and white swimsuit taken from the bedroom of the murdered girl.

The court was told that since childhood Taken had spied on his parents having sexual intercourse, through a hole he had bored in the loft floor. He had drilled another *spy hole in the toilet* wall. At school he was often the butt of jokes because of his sexual fantasies, and would spend hours in Little Heath Woods, near his home, to spy on courting couples. He would also follow girls and secretly photograph them.

He had a series of girlfriends but was obsessed with Miss Howden, whom he had admired from afar since he was a boy.

The court was told he spied on her during the day while she worked as a promotions assistant for the *Croydon Advertiser* newspaper, and at night and at weekends he watched her with her boy friend. Taken spent hours outside her home in Foxearth Spur, Selsdon, and stole a back door key.

*The attack on Miss Howden* occurred in the early hours of January 10 last year. After drinking eight pints of lager with a friend at a discotheque, Taken had tried to open the back door with his stolen key, but found the door was bolted. A fanlight window was open and he was slim enough to squeeze through after removing pots and pans in his way.

Miss Howden's parents were asleep while their daughter was subjected to a horrifying sexual attack. Her neck was slashed and she had wounds to her hands, inflicted as she fought for her life.

*Taken, who was probably* armed with a flick-knife he often carried, silenced her by gripping her around her neck and mouth and then strangled her with her own tights. He made his escape through the girl's first floor bedroom window.

On remand, he tried to save himself from jail by pretending that he had been Miss Howden's secret lover.

He told his mother, who was convinced he was innocent, that Miss Howden had let him into her bedroom. They had intercourse and when he crept away afterwards the girl was fit and well. He claimed she must have been killed by an intruder who entered the house after he left.

Taken had nothing to say yesterday when the jury returned a guilty verdict.

Sir James Miskin, the Recorder of London, passed *sentence in accordance with* policy for offenders aged between 17 and 20, who can receive the same maximum penalty as adults.

Taken received "custody for life". The judge said he was unable to make a recommendation on the length of time he should serve, as he would in the case of an adult.

# Killer gas explosion 'was negligence'

By Ian Smith

The methane gas explosion *which killed 16 people and* injured 28 others at the Abbeystead pumping station in Lancashire in *1984* was caused by negligence and bad design, it was claimed yesterday during a High Court case to determine liability.

Thirty-eight of the dead and injured were villagers from St Michael's of Wyre, who were on a parish council visit to allay fears of flooding in the Wyre valley. The other six were were employees of the North West Water Authority.

A lethal level of the colourless, odourless but highly explosive methane gas had built up in the underground chamber, the court at Lancaster Castle has heard.

When one of the visitors lit a cigarette the valve house was torn apart in an explosion which was heard several miles away.

Thirty 2½ ton concrete roof beams were thrown upwards through tons of topsoil, and collapsed into the devastated valve house below, trapping and crushing to death several of the victims. The dead were 11 men, four women and a boy, aged 11.

Survivors and executors of the estates of those who died have spent £365,000 to bring the case, which will decide whether legal liability will be borne by the water authority, Binnie and Partners, who designed the building, and Edmund Nuttall Ltd, the builders.

Mr Daniel Brennan, QC, representing the 31 plaintiffs, said damages may be as high as £2 million if liability is proved.

The court heard how methane gas had entered a tunnel and as the methane level rose it seeped into the pumping station.

Mr Brennan said that the *plaintiffs were rightly asking if* this disaster could have been avoided if all reasonable skill and care *had been exercised in* design, construction and use.

"That the disaster was not avoided is due to the negligence of the defendants — the plaintiffs allege that each defendant was negligent."

There were two central questions: was the risk from methane gas reasonably forseeable and should the tunnel leading to the valve house have been directly vented into the open air? If the answer to both was yes then safety measures were inadequate.

The hearing, which is expected to last 11 weeks, has been funded through loans to survivors and victims' relatives by Wyre Borough Council and Lancashire *County Council*, and by legal aid and money from villagers.

The case continues today.

# First 'intelligent' homes by 1990s

By Robert Matthews

Seven of the biggest names in the European consumer *electrical* goods market have got together to draw up plans for the first generation of *"intelligent homes".*

By the 1990s it should be possible to control everything from the evening meal to bedroom heating from the comfort of an armchair.

Dr Kenneth Gray, technical director of Thorn-EMI, which is *spearheading the £12 mil*lion project, says most of the technology needed to make the average house "intelligent" already exists. Collaboration is necessary to solve the more basic problem of electronic compatibility.

His *company* has joined forces with GEC, Mullard, Siemens of West Germany, *Thomson of France*, Philips of the Netherlands, and Electrolux of Sweden in a two-year project to ensure *all their* products speak the same language.

Until now, electronics companies have designed their *products to be* used chiefly in isolation. But there is a growing recognition by the industry that linking together all the electronics in a house could create a big boost for its products, Dr Gray says.

The present differences range from the plugs appliances need, to the inability of microprocessors controlling them to exchange information.

There is also a risk of all the *different* communication channels packed into an intelligent house interfering with one *another.* "We've *got to make* sure that when you buy a system from a German company *to control the heating, it* won't switch on your British hi-fi."

Thorn-EMI has built its own test house at its headquarters in Hayes, where communication via radio, infra-red, cable and mains wiring is being investigated.

There is considerable pressure for the European industry *to develop standardization*, Dr Gray says, "because if we don't, somebody else will". The Japanese electronics giants, including Mitsubishi and Hitachi, have already reached agreement, and may beat the Europeans.

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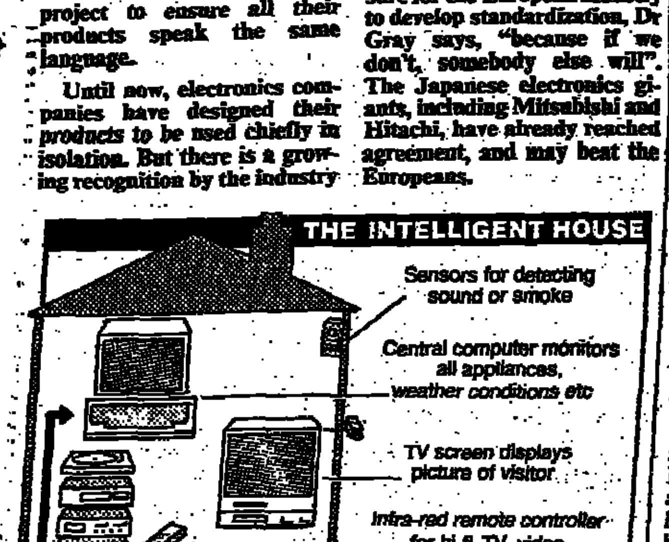
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# Activists 'boasted of firebomb'

Masked animal activists held a secret meeting where they boasted they would cause £1 million of damage to a store, Sheffield Crown Court was told yesterday.

They allegedly told Mr David Kavanagh, a journalist: "*Make no mistake*, we aim to cause £1 million worth of damage to Rackham's within two years *unless they get rid of* their fur coats."

Seven months later, a firebomb allegedly planted by the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) caused £200,000 damage at the store in Sheffield

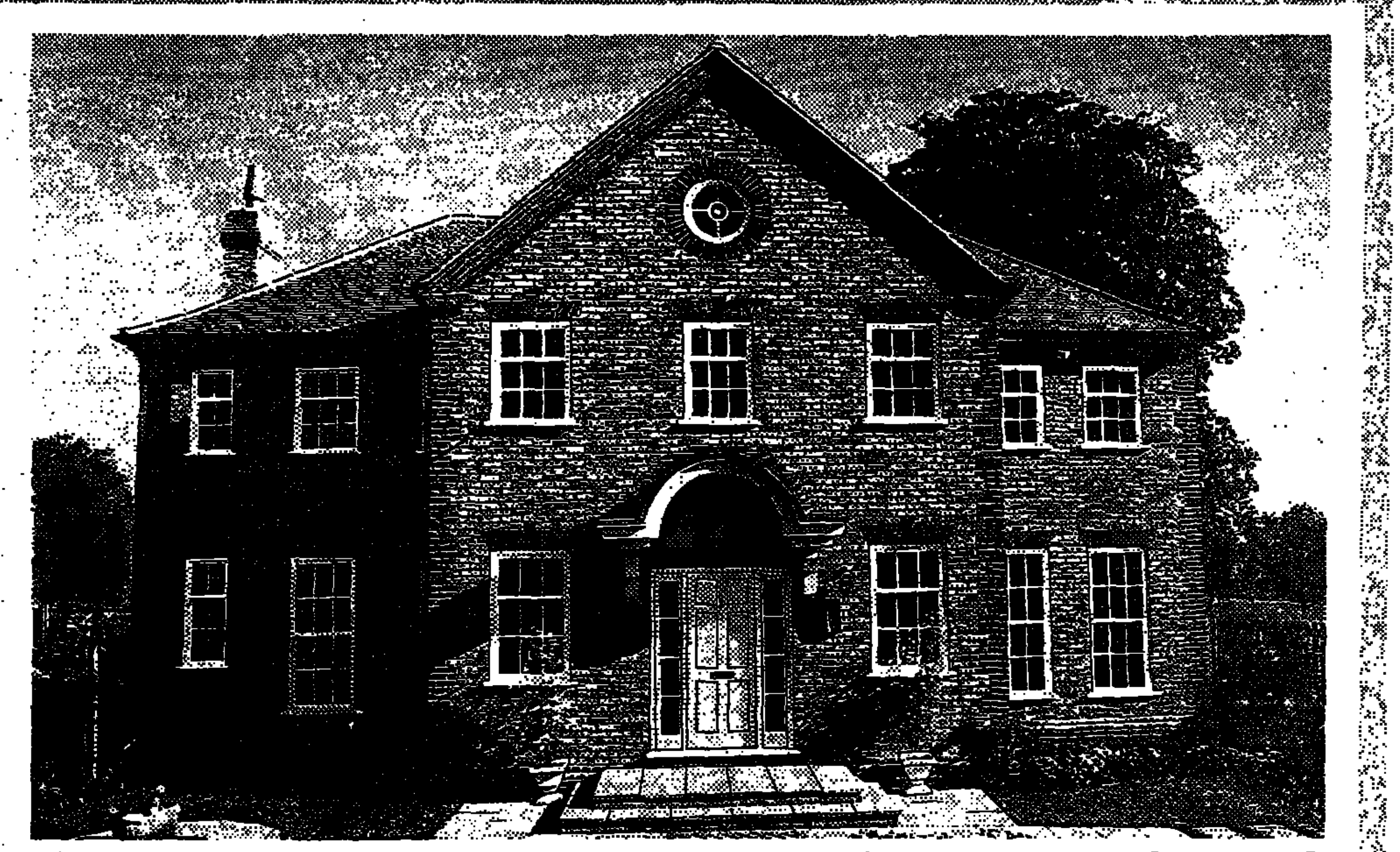
Mr Kavanagh, formerly of the *Sheffield Star*, told the court how he was led to the meeting in the city's Ecclesall Woods by one of the accused, Roger Yates.

Mr David Bentley, QC, for the *prosecution, alleges that* the ALF used firebombs, hammers, acid and crossbows to attack stores in Sheffield, London, Birmingham, Liverpool, and in Scotland.

The defendants are: Kevin Baldwin, of Idworth Road, Firth Park, Sheffield; Ronald Lee, of Shepherd's Bush Road, west London; Vivienne Smith, of *Sterndale* Road, Hammersmith, west London; Roger Yates, of Dungeon Lane, *Liverpool*; Brendan McNally and his wife Jennifer, of Kenning Hall Mount, Sheffield. All deny charges of conspiracy to commit arson and criminal damage and inciting criminal damage.

John Hewson, a retired *schoolmaster, of Baslow* Road, Totley, Sheffield, later admitted that a meeting was *held by animal activists at his* home. Hewson is awaiting sentence after admitting conspiring to steal animals.

The trial continues today.



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# Labour will hold debate on cold weather payments

An announcement that the £5 severe weather special payment to old people on supplementary benefit would be paid to all in the qualifying group this week did not stop Labour MPs, led by Mr Neil Kinnock, demanding abolition of the present system.

Mr Kinnock announced that the whole of Wednesday's Opposition debate would be on this subject instead of on the North-South divide and the economy.

The announcement that the payment, which is in addition to heating allowance for those old people on supplementary benefit with savings of less than £500, was first made during social services questions by Mr **John Major**, Minister for Social Security, when he said that the Government expected that the trigger point of an average minus 1.5 degrees Celsius would be reached for this week. In view of that firm expectation, the payments would be made for this week.

The Government was determined that vulnerable groups should know where they stood without delay.

**Mr Peter Snape** (West Bromwich East, Lab): Will she find time for a proper long-term review of severe weather payments, looking particularly at the £500 limit. Does she believe in thrift or not?

**Mrs Thatcher**: Severe weather payments were brought in under this Government. They are paid on top of heating addition allowance which amounts to £400 million a year compared with £90 million a year under the previous Government.

The statement by the Minister for Social Security was that it is our firm expectation that the trigger point will be reached throughout the country this week.

In view of that and the unprecedented weather, I wish to make it clear that the extra payment of £5 will be made to everyone in the qualifying groups for this week (Conservative cheers).

I find it encouraging that even Labour MPs expect and receive a higher standard of heating payments for the elderly from a Conservative Government than from a Labour Government.

**Mr Neil Kinnock**, Leader of the Opposition: The announcement on severe weather payments was welcome (Conservative cheers), but is an admission of the utter incompetence of the present system of her Government (Conservative protests).

Yes we welcome anything to help them. It is a hopelessly inadequate way of trying to remove the gross deficiencies of a pathetically bad system, and is recognized as such by the organizations representing old people as well by the old people themselves.

Are we to await weekly announcements by ministers so that the old and cold can live? Will she scrap the present inadequate system and introduce one which provides secure and constant help and which reponds to the deep fear about paying bills?

**Mrs Thatcher**: There was no system of severe weather payments under the last Labour Government.

The present system was referred to the Social Security Advisory Committee which gave general support to its main elements.

She said that the committee had said: "The proposals submitted to us represent a significant improvement on the present system for exceptionally severe weather payments in simplicity, flexibility and comprehensiveness of payment.

"When we have unprecedented low temperatures of the kind just experienced, we shall waive these strict bureaucratic procedures in order — precisely as Mr Major said — to make certain that the qualifying old people receive it (Labour interruptions). The extra payment of £5 will be made to everyone in the qualifying group this week.

"It is an excellent record and an excellent decision."

**Mr Kinnock**: The people at risk, of whom there are many thousands, do not want distorted history lesons from the Prime Minister. They want adequate heating and not to hear recitations from committee minutes. They do not fill any bellies nor warm any homes.

Are we to await a weekly announcement for adjustments to their incompetent policy or will she get rid of this stupid system?

**Mrs Thatcher**: Last time there was extremely severe weather was in 1978-79. Heating additions then were at £90 million. A Labour Government was in office and not one Labour MP raised the matter at question time or in oral questions (Labour protests). Not one.

The other danger to elderly people of having insufficient heating was during the coal strike, which Mr Kinnock supported.

**Mr Kinnock**: Will she answer my question? Are we going to have to wait for weekly announcements so that we can help old people directly and consistently? Last year she was defending that incompetent system. This year she is defending this one. How many extra old people have to die before she changes the system?

**Mrs Thatcher**: The position is as follows: Under Labour the amount spent was £90 million. It is £400 million under the Conservatives. There were no severe weather payments under Labour and there are generous severe weather payments under this Government. The payments have been modified to ensure that pensioners get them.

At the end of Prime Minister's question time, Mr **Kinnock**, on a point of order, said it was imperative to debate the severe weather payments system because thousands of people, including the constituents of Conservative MPs, were at risk and they were desperate to maintain heating in their homes.

There was a crisis of cold in this country affecting many old and poor people and that was not changed by today's announcement. The House must attend to the subject.

Therefore, the Opposition intended to devote the whole of its Opposition day tomorrow (Wednesday) to a debate on the condition of the old and cold. The problem of fuel poverty would endure much longer than the validity of today's announcement and still leave a basic crisis of poverty and loneliness.

**Mr John Biffen**, Leader of the House, said there would be a recognition in many parts of the House of the topicality of the subject chosen by the Opposition.

**Mr Max Madden** (Bradford West, Lab) referred to the refusal this morning of the Bracknell meteorological office to give information about temperatures on the ground that it was politically contentious (laughter).

He understood that the Department of Health and Social Security had a contract with the meteorological office to supply information about temperatures and it would cause concern if there was any suggestion that the DHSS had leant on the office to withhold information about temperatures.

**The Speaker** (Mr Bernard Weatherill) said that that was not a matter for him, but it could be raised in tomorrow's debate.

**Mr Madden** said he could not find out who had minesterial responsibility for the office. If MPs wanted to table the questions that the meteorological office was apparently refusing to answer about temperatures, would they be accepted by the Department of the Environment?

**The Speaker** suggested he tried that out on the Table Office. He was sure they would give him good advice.

# £5 cash help for this week

### COLD WEATHER

The extra severe weather payment of £5 would be made to everyone in the qualifying groups for this week, **Mr John Major**, Minister for Social Security, announced during Commons questions.

He said it was the Government's firm expectation that the trigger point of minus 1.5 degrees Celsius would be reached this week. In view of that and of the exceptionally cold weather, the payments would be made.

Those eligible were householders on supplementary benefit with someone in their family aged 65 or over, chronically sick or disabled, or aged under two.

"The Government is determined that vulnerable groups should know where they stand without delay so that they will not be discouraged from heating their homes during this very cold spell.

"In the unlikely event that not all areas reach the trigger point, action will be taken to validate the payments made."

**Mr Max Madden** (Bradford West, Lab) said there were pensioners literally scared to death about not being able to pay the money required to heat their homes.

All pensioners should be confident that they had sufficient money throughout the winter months. Pensioners on supplementary benefit should receive £5 a week from mid-December up to March.

**Mr Major** said the Government was absolutely determined that vulnerable groups should keep warm. That was why he had made the statement.

That was why, for the first time, it had introduced a statutory entitlement to cold weather payments. In these special circumstances, the announcement had been made before the trigger point had been reached so that people might have the confidence to keep warm.

**Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) said the announcement was a small relief. Many elderly people on small incomes did not claim supplementary benefit. They would not get any help at all.

**Mr Major** said Mr Winnick was being typically mealy-mouthed. The heating additions, which now amounted to over £400 million, had been widened and extended and made a statutory entitlement. Under the previous Labour Government, there had been no statutory entitlement for exceptionally cold weather payaments at all. Mr Winnick's conscience was a very late arrival.

**Mr James Wallace** (Orkney and Shetland, L) said that during the past 72 hours the vulnerable groups had not known where they stood. Their heating costs this week would be more than £5 would cover.

**Mr Major** said the Government had, for the first time, made available the payment to underpin bills that would come in.

**Mr Eric Cockeram** (Ludlow, C) said the Conservatives had introduced the payment and the bleatings of the Labour Party were mere crocodile tears.

**Mr Major** said the most important concern was to ensure that the elderly and vulnerable were protected

**Mr David Heathcoat-Amory** (Wells, C) said that, on the face of it, he was subsidizing heat loss through uninsulated roofs and pipes. Would he get together with the Secretary of State for Energy and work out a scheme to replace this revenue loss with long-term capital improvements?

**Mr Major** said that such discussions were already in hand.

## Commons defence committee

# Mates emerges the victor

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

**Mr Michael Mates will preside over his first meeting as chairman of the powerful Commons defence select committee today after remarkable behind-the-scenes shenanigans over who was to succeed Sir Humphrey Atkins.**

**Until just a few hours before Mr Mates's appointment was announced, Mr Keith Speed, the former Navy minister, was the clear favourite for the influential job. What had been overlooked, however, were the deals struck when Sir Humphrey was appointed in 1983.**

Mr Michael Mates: A forceful reminder.

On that occasion four Conservative MPs were in contention for the post: Mr Mates, Mr Michael Marshall, Mr Winston Churchill and Sir Humphrey.

Alone among the four, Sir Humphrey had no support within the committee, but he did have the backing of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who wished to reward him for his service as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, for his honourable resignation from the Foreign Office at the time of the Falklands invasion, and for his failure to win the Speakership.

It was also suggested that she wanted to keep out hardliners who might have formed an awkward alliance with Mr Michael Heseltine, who was then Secretary of State for Defence, if new pressure was put on defence spending.

The three Labour members of the committee were prepared to support either Mr Mates or Mr Marshall, who had served as members in the previous Parliament, and either of the two could have given the other the job by standing down. Neither did, however, and, after intense pressure from Mr John Wakeham, the Government Chief Whip, Sir Humphrey emerged as the surprising winner.

On this occasion the succession was decided by the seven Conservative members, two of whom were candidates. Mr Churchill and Mr Edward Leigh lined up behind Mr Mates; and Mr Marshall and Mr Neil Thorne behind Mr Speed, giving Sir Humphrey the casting vote, and he had already told colleagues that he would support Mr Speed.

At the eleventh hour, however, Sir Humphrey switched sides. The reason, it seems, is that Mr Mates had forcefully reminded him of undertakings that he had received in return for his agreeing to back Sir Humphrey in 1983.

One undertaking was that Sir Humphrey would stand down after a couple of years. Another was that his successor would be chosen from among the MPs who were then members of the committee. The third was that Sir Humphrey would cast his vote for Mr Mates.

Dr David Owen (left) and Mr David Steel arriving at ITN headquarters in London yesterday for an interview on the lunchtime news programme (Photograph: Mark Turner).

# Ridley allows for a 13% rise in council spending

### RATE SUPPORT

**Provision for local authority current expenditure in England for 1987-88 would be set at £25,251 million, a 13 per cent increase on last year and £40 million higher than previously proposed to take account of more up-to-date information, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a statement to the Commons.**

**He also announced the Government's intention to introduce shortly a Bill to abolish grant recycling arrangements. He promised that that would produce a tougher regime for high-spending authorities which would no longer receive a paradoxical and uncovenanted benefit through recycling.**

**He told the House: When I made my announcement about relevant and total expenditure on December 16, I said that no further rate-support grant reports could be made until validating legislation had been approved by Parliament to allow decisions to be taken in line with the practice which had hitherto been adopted.**

**I am today announcing my firm intentions for the 1987-88 settlement for England and for the supplementary reports for 1986-87 and 1985-86. These intentions are based on the powers I am taking in the Local Government Finance Bill.**

**Authorities will be able to plan their budgets and rates for 1987-88 with confidence. I shall make the relevant reports, and designated authorities will be notified of their rate and precept limits immediately the Local Government Finance Bill receives Royal Assent.**

**The consultation which has preceded the 1987-88 settlement has been much more extensive than in previous years. I have considered carefully the comments which the local authority associations have made to me and the many representations received from individual local authorities. I do not intend to make any major changes to my proposals of December 3.**

**Since December 3 I have received further information on capital allocations for 1987-88 and about some authorities' budgets for 1986-87. This information has been taken into account in the figures I am announcing today. The figures also take into account expected higher spending by some rate and precept limited authorities to reflect the provisions of the Local Government Finance Bill.**

**The consequence of these changes is to increase slightly the grant entitlements of most local authorites.**

**The aggregate of Exchequer Grant to authorities will be set at the level I announced in July — £12,842 million — which is an increase of over £1,000 million, or 9 per cent, over the level included in the settlement for the current financial year.**

**My estimate of aggregate total expenditure in 1987-88 is £24,703 million. Provision for local authority current expenditure will be set at £25,251 million; this is 13 per cent more than the settlement last year and £40 million higher than previously proposed to take account of the later information.**

**In addition, the Government will make available additional provision and grant when there is a settlement on teachers' pay which meets our requirements on costs, pay structure and duties.**

**There are plenty of opportunities for authorities to reduce their expenditure for example, by putting out services to competitive tendering or by implementing the many savings identified by the Audit Commission. I intend therefore that the aggregate of authorities' grant-related expenditure assessments should not be uplifted by the full increase in expenditure provision but should be held broadly steady in real terms.**

**I intend to specify the same principles for GREs as were proposed in the December 3 consultation paper; the most significant change from 1986-87 is that the police GRE will be distributed on the basis of police establishments.**

**I intend that the slope of the grant-related poundage schedule will stay the same as this year. This will provide an incentive for authorities to restrain their expenditure.**

**As usual, there will be arrangements to limit the impact of year-on-year changes on individual authorities grant entitlements. It is my intention that there should be a limit on block grant losses of 7p at ratepayer level and a limit of 12p on gains.**

**In July I announced my intention to introduce legislation which would provide local authorities with greater certainty about their grant entitlement. A Bill will be introduced shortly to abolish the grants recycling arrangements whereby grant not claimed is redistributed to all authorities. In future an authority's grant will depend on its own expenditure.**

**I shall make the third supplementary report for 1985-86 and the first supplementary report for 1986-87 when I make the main rate-support grant report. It is my intention that the report for 1985-86 will adjust grant to take account of provisional outturn expenditure and certain changes in education pool contributions.**

**Most authorities have brought their spending closer to target and as a result £385 million of grant so far withheld for 1985-86 will be paid out. The report for 1986-87 will distribute the block grant under-claim of some £618 million consequent upon the estimates of total expenditure received from authorities on or before December 19.**

**The Department is today writing to the 20 high-spending authorities selected for rate limitation, informing them individually of the rate limit figure which flows from the Local Government Finance Bill and my intention for rate-support grant. Each of these councils will therefore be able to set its rate in good time before April 1, within the figure being notified to it.**

**Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said he could join the Secretary of State in condemning the present rate-support grant system which had been solely the creation of the Government.**

**It had been the Government's incompetence which had produced big problems and uncertainties for local authorities.**

# Hanging Bill is rejected

The death penalty would have been a most appropriate sentence for Myra Hindley, Ian Brady and others like them, Mr **Geoffrey Dickens** (Littleborough and Saddleworth, C) said when he unsuccessfully sought leave to bring in a Bill making it a capital offence to murder a child. The Bill was rejected by 175 votes to 110.

It was his contention that capital punishment would, by its deterrent effect, reduce the number of child murders if it became part of the law once again.

Nothing was more likely to make the potential child murderer pause than the knowledge that if he killed he might suffer his own death.

Despite all the strong measures taken by the Government, the state was simply not protecting its children to the satisfaction of public opinion.

The recent return of Hindley to Saddleworth Moor had reopened painful wounds for many families. The lives of her victims may have been saved if the Labour Government of the day had not given notice that it had plans to abolish the death penalty.

**Mr Joe Ashton** (Bassetlaw, Lab), opposing, said hanging had never been a deterrent and the statistics proved it.

# Council finance Bill wins Commons second reading

*The following report of the Commons debate on the Local Government Finance Bill appeared in later editions of this newspaper yesterday.*

**Mr Nicholas Ridley**, Secretary of State for the Environment, moved second reading of the Local Government Finance Bill, which rectifies the error that made the method of calculating government rate-support grants illegal.

He said that the purpose of the Bill was to validate the practice adopted by the Department of the Environment and the Welsh Office since 1981-82 in calculating relevant and total expenditure for block grant and rate limitation.

It would allow that practice to continue on a proper basis for the remaining years of the present rating system and it would allow the rate and precept limits for 1987-88 to be set.

He would not be able to ask the House to approve the rate-support grant settlement this year until the Bill became an Act.

"The Government had no alternative but to legislate. Without such legislation, all past decisions which involved the concepts of total or relevant expenditure would have been in doubt.

"It would have been quite improper to take further decisions about rate-support grant or rate limitation without securing the legal position."

The legislation was urgent to enable the House to complete the rate-support grant settlement for 1987-88 and make outstanding supplementary reports from previous years and to complete the 1987-88 round of rate limitation.

It was essential to put matters right as fast as possible to end uncertainty about grant entitlements for 1987-88 and allow authorities to plan their budgets and rates.

**Dr John Cunningham**, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, said the Bill was a collection of very bad ideas to which the Opposition was almost totally opposed. Even a cursory glance exposed the misleading claims of the Secretary of State.

"The legislation contains proposals for even more authoritarian, centralizing powers for the Secretary of State; denial of justice, let alone natural justice, for some local authorities; a proposal by the Secretary of State to try to set himself above the law; to protect himself from the normal processes of the courts; and to deny the basic right of any legal challenge to his arbitrary decisions which will also be above parliamentary scrutiny and control."

The Government had made change after change in local government finance, heaping Act upon Act. It had made 12 important changes in local government finance since 1979, demonstrating a mixture of malice towards local government with ignorance of local government finances.

**Mr Michael Meadowcroft** (Leeds West, L) said that if councillors in Liverpool had tried to do what the Government was attempting, the Government's outrage would have been wondrous to behold. The Government was trying to do by diktat what it could not achieve by agreement.

**Mr William Michie** (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab) said the Government was imposing more control on local government, but MPs had no control over the Secretary of State at all.

**Michael Ancram**, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, said the Opposition had been looking for sinister motives behind every sub-clause.

They would be better occupied in assisting the passage of the Bill so that authorities could be sure of receiving the grant to which they were entitled from the start of the new financial year.

The Bill was read a second time by 247 votes to 179 — Government majority, 68.

# Medical 'macho' image attacked

Transplant surgeons concerned with their own "macho" image were attacked during Commons questions by **Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark** (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C).

"There are many cases of people suffering acute pain for many years, such as those with varicose veins or other problems, who would be better served if the money were not spent on much of the transplant surgery where doctors are more inclined to be concerned with their own reputations and their own macho image", he said.

There should be a seperate budget so that money would not often be wasted on improving surgeons' reputations.

**Mr Antony Newton**, Minister for Health, said that difficulties in trying to get a balance between such considerations had always faced health ministers and health authorities.

Earlier, **Mr Newton** said it was for the responsible doctor to decide whether, in his clinical judgement, a patient needed to be admitted to hospital.

**Mr Greville Janner** (Leicester West, Lab) was concerned about patients in acute pain being refused admittance to National Health Service hospitals.

**Mr Newton** said that the £50 million waiting list fund, with which he hoped it would be possible to provide help to Leicestershire District Health Authority, would be in support of the effective efforts they were making there.

## Hesitation on prescriptions

**Mr Antony Newton**, Minister for Health, said during question time in the Commons that he would hesitate before accepting a suggestion that any condition which might give rise to an operation should automatically receive free prescriptions in advance.

He could not accept there was any parallel between cases of patients receiving medication for heart diseases rather than surgery and so not qualifying for free prescriptions and back-up services, and drug abusers who were given free prescriptions.

The reason for giving this service to drug abusers was an attempt to curb the spread of the awful disease of acquired immune deficiency syndrome (Aids).

## Lords hit by the weather

The House of Lords has not escaped the cold snap: Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, has been forced to change the route of his traditional procession to the Woolsack two days in succession.

The Lord Chancellor has been the victim of frozen pipes and valves which have burst in various parts of the Lords. The most serious leak flooded the bishops' corridor and caused a two-foot tear in a painting, by parliamentary artists Dickinson and Foster, of the debate on Gladstone's home rule Bill in the Lords in 1893.

## MSC to study youth report

**Mr John Lee**, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said in a written reply that he has asked the Manpower Services Commission to take account of the issues and implications raised in respect of homeless young people entering employment and training programmes after his consideration of a report on homeless young people sent to him by Mr Duncan Guthrie, Director of the Disabilities Study Unit.

## Parliament today

**Commons** (2.30): Opposition motion on old people and cold weather.

**Lords** (2.30): Debates on contrast in prosperity between the South-east and other regions and on Britain's commitment to international institutions. Licensing (Restaurant) Meals Bill, committee.

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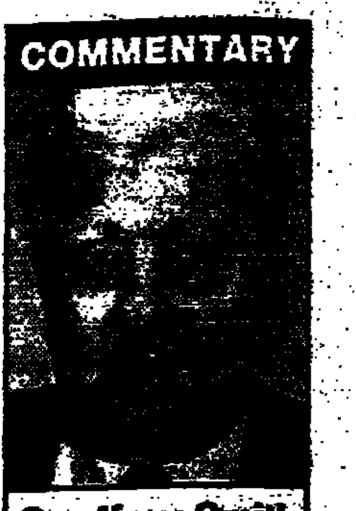

## Geoffrey Smith

The Alliance always suffers particularly severely from any sign of disunity. That was why its initial honeymoon with the electorate came to an abrupt end in 1982 with the public squabble over the allocation of seats for the general election. That was why it was damaged so badly by the fracas over defence during the last party conference season.

Not only was the Alliance left without an agreed policy on a critical issue, but the dispute intensified the doubt that so many people had about the Alliance already: whether such a partnership between two separate parties could be more than an unstable cooperation of convenience.

So the most important feature of the Alliance's team of election spokesmen, announced this week, is that it has been possible to put together an agreed selection at all.

That should do more than any other single decision could have done — with the obvious exception of agreement upon a single leader, which is not politically possible this side of the election — to give an impression of unity in practice.

### Crucial decision on numbers

The composition of the team is also just about as encouraging as it could have been. The critical decision has been to give the Social Democrats a larger share of the key portfolios than would be justified by their strength either in the House of Commons or in the country.

To some Liberals that will seem unfair. They will feel that they are being cast in the role of the foot soldiers of the Alliance, sweating away in considerably greater numbers on the ground in the constituencies while the SDP gets the plum jobs on the general staff.

There is some logic in that attitude, but not much political sense. An election campaign can stand little chance of success, especially when waged by underdogs, unless it makes the best use of its resources.

The resources that the Liberals bring to the Alliance are a better organization and wider membership around the country, and both greater talent and experience in constituency campaigning.

The special contribution of the SDP is in experience of office, which no Liberal has at any level. The Social Democrats have four former Cabinet ministers in their ranks. They bring a political weight and credibility which the Liberals by themselves have not had for years.

To have refrained from making full use of their talents for the sake of greater equity between the two parties would have been absurd. It follows that Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr William Rodgers, two of the four ex-Cabinet ministers, needed to be given portfolios.

The most delicate decisions on individual responsibilities have also been wise. Mr Roy Jenkins has more authority on economic issues than anybody else in the Alliance. He is obviously the right man for that post, provided that he will bring a reasonably consistent energy to the task.

Mr John Cartwright's appointment as defence spokesman is the most contentious because he is so closely associated with Dr David Owen's stand on this issue. But that is in fact an advantage, especially as he is a shrewd enough politician not to ruffle Liberal feelings gratuitously.

### SDP less rigid on nuclear energy

It would be damaging for the Alliance's electoral appeal if Dr Owen seemed to have been pushed to a soggy compromise by doveish Liberals.

That Social Democrats will be the spokesmen on energy should also help to keep the Alliance more in touch with the mainstream of public opinion. The SDP takes a less rigidly restrictive position than the Liberals on nuclear energy.

But to pay that particular compliment to the Alliance team raises the principal question about it. It seems to have been designed both to demonstrate Alliance unity and to keep the Alliance as much in touch as it reasonably could with majority opinion in this country.

Is the Alliance, however, prepared to be united on that basis? Or will there now be attempts to undermine some of the key spokesmen on doctrinal grounds?

# Big increase in sex offences against women in London

**By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter**

Sex offences against women in London have increased by more than 25 per cent in two years, according to figures released yesterday by Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, in his strategy statement for 1987.

The sex-attack figures, described by Sir Kenneth as "disturbing", show a 16.6 per cent increase in reported offences in 1985. This follows a new policy designed to give women confidence in approaching police.

A further 8 per cent rise is expected when the 1986 figures are computed, giving a total increase of 25.9 per cent since 1984. The projected cases figure for 1986 figure is 3,800.

The 1986 sex-attack projection is the first official hint of what Scotland Yard sources expect will be "disastrous" crime statistics for last year – the figures are due out in the next two months.

There is also "compelling evidence", according to the statement, that street robbery is reaching even higher levels in specific areas. Twelve of the 75 divisions in London are responsible for 51 per cent of the offences.

*In addition, the strategy* reports a 10 per cent increase in armed robberies in the first months of 1986.

With problems like these, Sir Kenneth has decided to remove many police resources from the problem of auto crime, which represents 27 per cent of all recorded crime. Car thefts will no longer be among the top priorities for police.

The statement, addressed to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, admits the police have failed to bring any measurable benefit to car owners, who, Sir Kenneth says, merely regard theft and vandalism as "irritating".

Crime prevention would continue and police divisions would provide resources where possible, but initiatives would lie with the public and the car industry.

Discussions are also taking place with the Manpower Services Commission to see if the burden of looking after the expanding neighbourhood watch schemes can be taken over by civilian co-ordinators.

In his strategy for 1987 Sir Kenneth pledges that more will be done not only to look after victims but also to detect the offenders. It will be part of a policy of emphasizing "the safety of the citizen", aimed especially women at risk in *domestic situations*, young drug abusers, children and victims of racial attacks.

The new policy comes after a year in which, according to Sir Kenneth's statement, the police have made big inroads against the threat of organized crime.

The Yard operation with American agencies against drug traffickers and money launderers has identified money and property worth one billion dollars.

Sir Kenneth notes that while the public perceived the threat from organized crime as remote "the impact of organized crime is nonetheless real and experience in other countries has shown how it can erode the quality of life, commercial integrity and even undermine a country's financial base".

As well as being successful against organized crime, Sir Kenneth says the police have also scotched *28* serious cases of extortion – double the figure in 1984.

But the statement is not without complaint. Sir Kenneth says that the police feel they need a breathing space after a period which has seen not only the pressures of reorganization but important legislation and changes in the policing of environment.

Constantly faced with manpower problems, Sir Kenneth *notes there are also difficulties* getting money out of Whitehall for big projects, like computerization.

# Competition cuts conveyancing fees

**By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent**

Increased competition between solicitors and "shopping around" by the public caused a 25 per cent drop in conveyancing fees, expressed as a percentage of average house prices, in the past four years.

A survey by Peat Marwick, published today, shows that domestic conveyancing charges now account for just under 0.7 per cent of the average house price compared with just over 0.9 per cent in 1983.

In some cases, the threat of increased competition has brought conveyancing fee cuts of up to 50 per cent or more since 1980. The lower prices also include costs of mortgage work on home purchases, which have fallen by about £50 in the past four years.

The survey, commissioned by the Law Society and the first of its kind since 1983, shows that solicitors now earn up to 30 per cent less from conveyancing work than they did five years ago. But in spite of the increased competition, most firms find the work is still profitable.

However, the survey, based on information from more than 240 firms, indicates that more firms fear there will be a deterioration in the level of service to the public if fees come down any more.

Conveyancing fees are still linked on average with the size of the property, although a few firms charge a fixed fee. Throughout Britain, the fees increase as the size of the firm increases.

However there was no evidence of a cartel operating in the six towns studied in the survey. Attempts had been made in three towns to regulate charges, but they had failed in the face of undercutting by sole practitioners and smaller practices.

Central London and Wales generally have the highest conveyancing fees, while there was little variation in other regions.

In spite of the imminent arrival of licensed conveyancers on to the market, solicitors' firms believe the main source of competition will be from within the profession, with a potential threat posed by big financial institutions should they become involved in conveyancing.

This was a particular worry for small two and three partner firms. The survey shows sole practioners derive 67 per cent of their total fees from conveyancing, while small firms with up to four partners derive 46 per cent and those with up to 14 partners gain 36 per cent.

But these averages may be high because firms in central *London, where* conveyancing only accounts for a small proportion of fees, were excluded.

Sole practioners who carry out almost nothing but domestic conveyancing have been better able to cope than a more diverse practice which would not commit its resources to one specialization, the survey says.

Most firms believe that given the current level of fees, improvements to *the* existing service are not possible and furthur cuts will mean a worse service. Pressure on house conveyancing fees is predicted to continue, and those most likely to suffer are small firms unable to broaden their business base or reduce overheads further in line with falling margins.

There was also a mixed response to the idea of mergers, which was seen by smaller practices as the only way to survive the next few years, while larger firms want to stay independent. The survey concludes that firms best placed to succeed are those where partners, "show entrepreneurial flair and a willingness to compete actively in the market place".

For firms with more than three partners, this could mean extending their business into other areas of work, such as litigation and commercial work. For smaller firms, it means focusing on house conveyancing and cutting costs through greater efficiency.

The survey says that in both cases "aggressive marketing" will be required. Most firms had looked at advertising in the last year, although few claimed a long-term commitment to it.

# Home lent to gas blast hero

The policeman who saved *his* neighbours from a *gas* explosion which demolished his home will today move into a £50,000 house loaned to him by a building company.

Police Constable Nick Shaw, aged 29, and his wife, Louise, who have been married for only six months, have been granted free use of the house at Little Stoke, near Bristol, until Easter.

The offer, by a building firm based in Birmingham, was approved by *Mr Ronald* Broome, Chief Constable of Avon.

● Police Sergeant Peter Allen and his neighbour Mr Chris Boycott were praised yesterday for evacuating families when they detected a gas leak in their street in Ryde, Isle of Wight.

The two men moved more than 30 people to a community hall. Workmen later discovered that the street's gas *main had been badly fractured* by the freezing weather.

# Motor dealer in drive ban

Victor Barclay, a supplier of Rolls Royce cars, drove home under the influence of drink after a day at the races, Horseferry Road magistrates court heard yesterday.

Barclay, aged 49, of Oddington, Gloucestershire, claimed that friends had "spiked" his drinks. He was banned from driving for three years and fined £400.

# Escaped killer surrenders

Michael Smith, aged 32, a murderer who broke out of Ashwell Open Prison in Leicestershire on New Year's Eve, gave himself up yesterday when police found him in a housein Stoke-on-Trent.

Smith was jailed 10 years ago for murdering his girl friend.

# Court promise

Coco Chanel, the French design house, has won a High Court pledge from Kays, a British mail order company, not to use its name to advertise cheaper, lookalike shoes.

### British motor cycle industry

# Hopes ride on a 'superbike'

**By Roland Rudd**

The British motor cycle trade, which collapsed in the seventies, could be back in business with production of a new British machine, and the revival of a classic.

After UK sales of motorcycles fell for the sixth consecutive year to 103,530 – the lowest for 16 years – the Norton Villiers Triumph Group (NVT) announced yesterday that it was producing a new British motor cycle.

Mr Philippe le Roux, managing director of the group, said the idea was not to compete with the Japanese for a dwindling market but to produce an "executive toy" with the most advanced technology.

The new "superbike", which is being produced at the former Norton factory in Shenstone, Staffordshire, will be the first of its kind for public sale to be powered by a rotary engine.

NVT also plans to reproduce the classic Norton Commando, which was the sensation of the 1967 Earl's Court motor cycle show.

"British butts on British bikes" is the new group's slogan. However, judging by the initial plan to produce only to demand – NVT hopes to have a long waiting list – it will still be some time before British machines are freely available.

For the past three years, the Shenstone plant has produced a successful police motor cycle, the Interpol 2. There are 230 on the road with more than half the country's police forces.

The Interpol 2 is powered by the new rotary engine, which is lighter and faster than rival engines, and is said to provide a more comfortable ride.

NVT Limited, which was formed in 1973 to bring the whole of the British motor cycle industry together, was forced to put its plants into liquidation in the face of overwhelming competition from Japan.

In 1978, it re-opened the factory at Shenstone to develop the rotary engine. In 1983 it began to sell the Interpol 2.

When NVT Limited went into voluntary liquidation, two active subsidiaries, Norton Motors and NVT motor cycles, and all the rights, patents and trademarks associated with the names Norton, Villiers and Triumph, were sold to the new NVT group.

Attempts to recreate the British motor cycle trade have failed in the past, most noticeably Lord Hesketh's attempt in 1980 to launch a new British "superbike".

However, Mr le Roux believes there is a difference with the NVT plan. "Our motor cycle has done a million miles of heavy duty police work. It has already proved its worth."

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Workers with chainsaws and pesticides join a £30 million campaign to contain the spread of rhododendron ponticum in the Snowdonia National Park in Wales. Mr Iore Evans, left, and Mr Cliff Lewis are tackling Dinas Mawddwy, a steep hill in the Corris Forest District. The bush was introduced into Britain from Asia Minor about 100 years ago by horticulturists but has invaded the park to such an extent that natural flora and fauna are under threat. (Photograph: Philip Dunn)

# Problems of murder inquiry

**The Department of Health and Social Security explained yesterday why a promised government inquiry into the murder of a social worker by a former client has been held up.**

**The Commons was told last June that there would be an inquiry into the death in July 1984 of Miss Isabel Schwarz, a psychiatric social worker for Bexley council.**

***But the department said the* terms of reference had still not been agreed with the health authorities and social service departments and an inquiry team had not been appointed.**

**The department said: "We hope to make an announcement shortly but we have to deal with four different departments and it has taken some time".**

**Miss Schwarz was murdered in her office at Bexley *Hospital, Kent*, by Sharon Campbell, who was later found not fit to plead when she appeared in court.**

### Women in Parliament: 1

# The odds against selection

*The number of women MPs has not changed since the Second World War. In the first of two articles **Sheila Gunn of Our Political Staff** analyses the latest candidates' lists which reveal selection committees are still reluctant to pick women to fight winnable seats.*

Fewer women have been picked to fight seats in the next general election for the main political parties than in the last two elections.

This is in spite of much-publicized campaigns and commitments by all parties for a fairer representation in the Commons for women, who make up 52 per cent of the electorate.

An analysis of the selections reveals that 28 women can expect to be in the next Parliament, compared with the present 27, out of a total of 650.

So far 170 women candidates have been chosen with the selection procedures almost complete. Of these 16 are Conservative, 73 Labour, 44 SDP and 37 Liberal. In addition 22 out of the 27 women MPs are expected to stand again, bringing the total of *likely candidates to 192.*

This compares with 276 women candidates out of a total of 2,579 in 1983, which produced only 23 women MPs. Four more have since won by-elections.

Five women MPs have announced they will not fight *the next election: Mrs Sally* Oppenheim (C) and Mrs Renee Short, Miss Jo Richardson, Dame Judith Hart and Miss Joan Maynard for Labour. The seats of six women who are standing again are at risk, including Mrs Margaret Beckett (Derby South, Lab) majority 421; and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody (Crewe and Nantwich, Lab) maj 290.

This leaves 16 women MPs with comfortable majorities *and 12 candidates picked for* safe seats. Another 16 women are in with a chance.

Most of the new women MPs will be Labour and include two former members, Mrs Joan Lestor and Mrs Audrey Wise. Only three of the Conservative women candidates can be optimistic of getting in, including Miss Emma Nicholson, standing at West Devon and Torridge (maj 12,351).

The Alliance has a high proportion of new women candidates but it will take a landslide to launch them into the Commons.

Mrs Shirley Williams, president of the SDP, cannot be discounted, but needs to overturn Mr Robert Rhodes James's Conservative majority at the last election of 5,968 to win Cambridge.

**Tomorrow: What went wrong.**

# Teachers 'executed in field'

Two British schoolteachers were bound and gagged before being executed as they knelt together in a field in Brittany, France, an inquest at Diss, Norfolk, was told yesterday.

Miss Lorraine Glasby and Mr Paul Bellion, who were engaged, left their newly-bought cottage in Garboldisham, Norfolk, for a cycling holiday in Brittany last July.

The inquest was told that on October 1 their badly decomposed bodies were unearthed from shallow graves at Lanballoy, 20 miles from St Malo.

Mr Ernest Clark, the Diss coroner, was told medical evidence showed Miss Glasby, aged 28, a teacher at Diss High School, was shot in the leg before being shot in the head.

Her fiance, aged 29, a teacher at Rosemary Musker High School, in Thetford, Norfolk, was shot in the head. Their killer or killers, who had not been caught, made off with their bicycles, passports, money and other documents.

Chief Insp Richard Curtis, who liaised with French police, said: "It looks as if they were killed just hours before they were due to sail home on August 24. They were seen safe and well on August 23 and a witness thought he saw them at 7pm that night 1km from where their bodies were found."

Their fathers, Mr David Glasby, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, and Mr Douglas Bellion, of St Helens, Lancashire, said they had received postcards from the couple on their journey to La Rochelle, where they rented a cottage. But where they stayed on their return journey was a mystery.

Mr Clark, who recorded verdicts of unlawful killing, said: "One can only hope those responsible will soon be brought to justice".

# Crash victims were killed 'unlawfully'

A driver in a collision in which four people died in June had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, an inquest at Hornsey, north London, heard yesterday.

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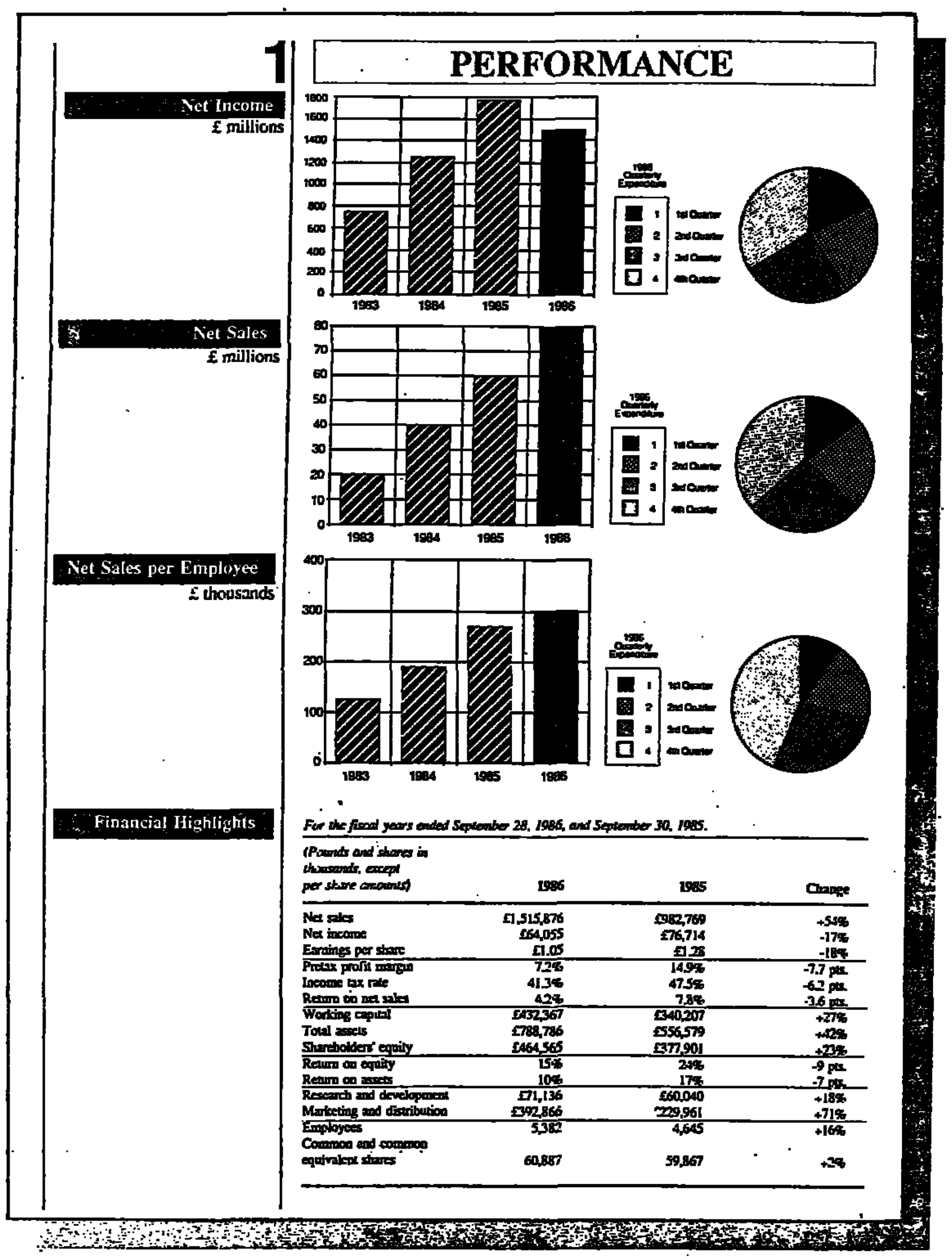

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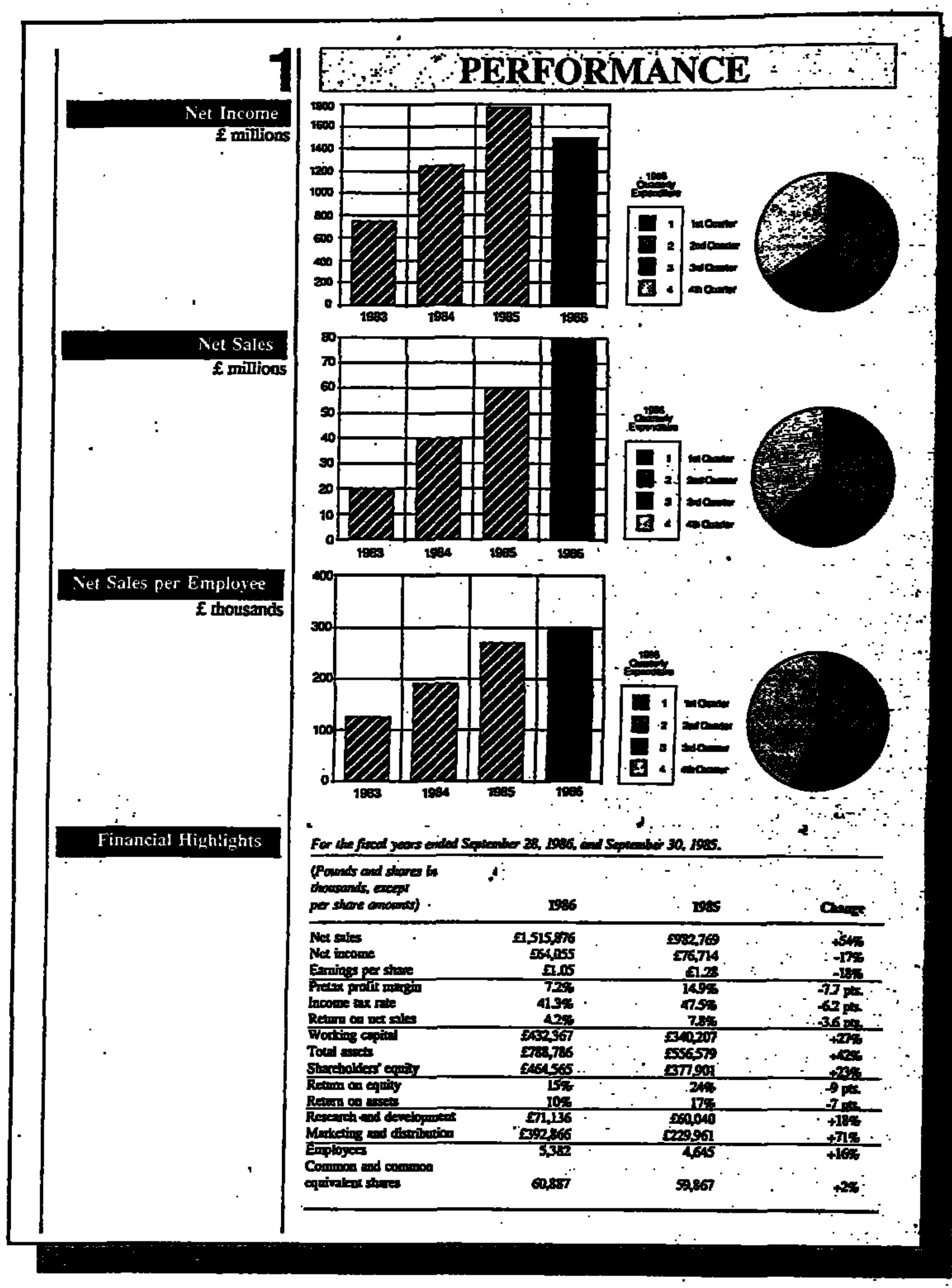
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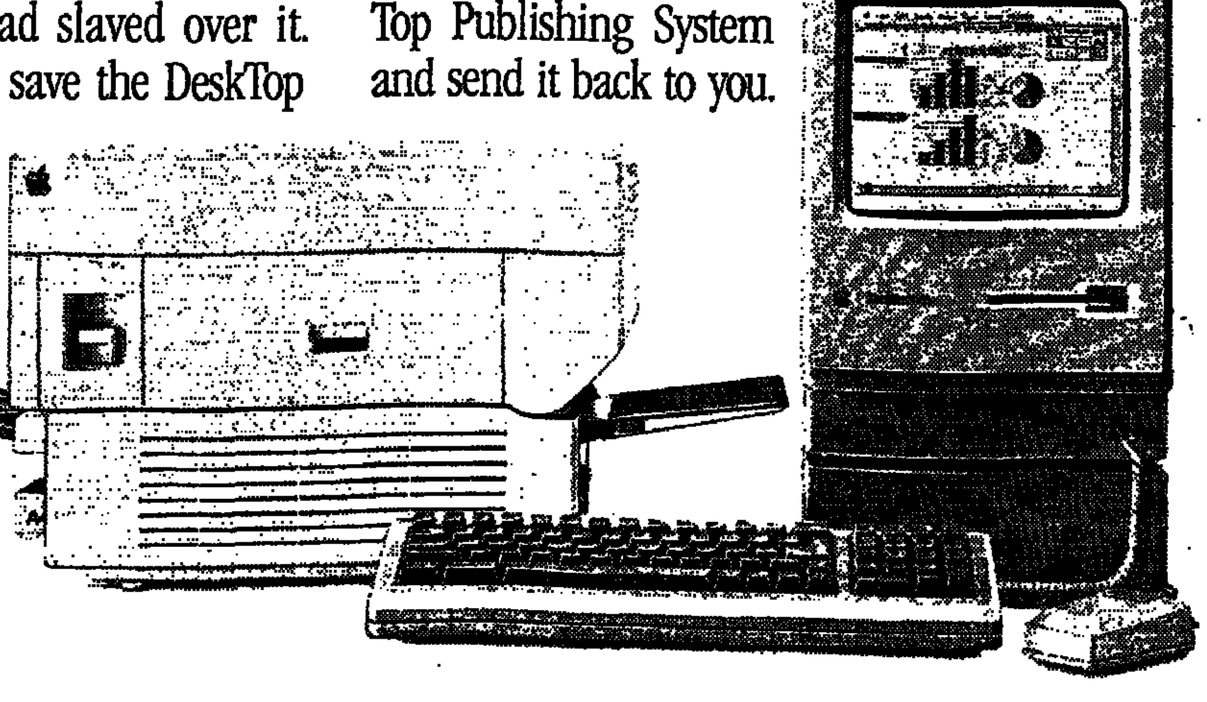

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WORLD SUMMARY

## Black miners quit after killings

**Johannesburg – Nearly half of the black labour force at a South African gold mine where eight miners were killed and more than 50 injured in inter-tribal fighting at the weekend have left their jobs *(Ray Kennedy writes)*.**

**Gencor, owners of the Beatrix mine in the Orange Free State, said yesterday that it "regretted to announce" that 3,900 of the 8,000 black workers had resigned.**

**It said: "The men have taken this drastic step presumably to distance themselves from potential further conflict in spite of strenuous efforts to persuade them otherwise." It would take up to two months to train men to replace them.**

**The death toll in the worst outbreak of faction fighting at the country's gold mines for more then 10 years has now risen to 78. Anglo-American Corporation, the country's biggest mining house, has appointed a senior barrister to lead an inquiry into the causes of the violence. The black National Union of Mineworkers has countered this with an advertising campaign claiming that the migrant labour system and single-sex hostels are the basic causes.**

## Falklands pledge

**Port Stanley (Reuter) – Mr George Younger, left, Secretary of State for Defence, who is visiting the Falklands for the first time, has given the 2,000 islanders a renewed pledge of self-determination and effective defence. He later met the islands' elected councillors and will inspect some of the 4,000 British troops stationed there.**

## Guerrillas gain

**Islamabad (Reuter) – Western diplomats in Pakistan yesterday reported heavy fighting between Muslim guerrillas and Afghan and Soviet forces in Afghanistan, where the Moscow-backed Government has declared a unilateral ceasefire from Thursday.**

**They said that guerrillas shot down two Soviet aircraft in southern Ghazni province and overran eight government posts in east Kunar province at the end of last month. They also reported intense fighting in eastern Logar and Nangarhar provinces over the past two weeks.**

**Leaders of the seven-member guerrilla alliance yesterday met for the second day in Peshawar, north-west Pakistan, where most of the guerrillas have their bases, to consider their response to Kabul's peace initiative.**

## Ear-eater set alight

**Harare – Mrs Evas Mhike, a nurse at a rural hospital, not only bit off a chunk of a colleague's ear *also swallowed it*, the regional court heard yesterday (Jan Raath writes).**

**In retaliation, her victim, Mrs Annah Bhiwa, set fire to Mrs Mhike with a can of petrol *when the biter returned to her room at* hospital, burning her severely and causing "severe depression". Mrs Bhiwa was sentenced to two years in jail for attempted murder.**

## Fortune hunters

**Pescara (Reuter) – Dozens of people have scoured a rubbish tip in this eastern Italian town after a retired *schoolteacher* said she had accidentally thrown away a state lottery ticket worth one billion lire (about £500,000).**

**Maria D'Incalci, aged 65, claimed that she threw away her third prize ticket from the New Year lottery by mistake, thinking it was last year's ticket. Legal experts say that only a person actually holding the ticket can claim the money.**

## Battle in Hyderabad

***Karachi* – After a day-long pitched battle between agitators and the police, the Army has taken control of Hyderabad, 100 miles from Karachi, and an indefinite curfew has been imposed. At least two people were reported killed and 15 more injured by police shooting yesterday morning. Vehicles, shops, and banks were set ablaze by the *mob (A Correspondent writes)*.**

**The trouble started on Monday night and continued yesterday with a complete strike by all workers after the brutal murder in Karachi of two young girls.**

**Meanwhile, troops moved in to assist the civil authorities in New Karachi after demonstrations against the administration which *turned into ethnic* clashes between Pathans and Mohajirs. At least one person was reported killed and another 35 injured in clashes yesterday.**

## Casualties mount in Iran-Iraq clashes

Iranian troops preparing to cross Fish Lake, in Iran's north-western Shalmacheh region, where its latest operation against Iraq was launched late last week. Thousands have been reported killed in the fighting (Reuter reports from Bahrain).

Civilians were under fire again as Iran and Iraq stepped up their air attacks on cities yesterday with fighting in the southern front marshlands apparently close to stalemate.

Several Baghdad residents were reported killed or wounded in an Iranian missile strike, the second since Iran launched a drive across the border into southern Iraq last Friday.

Iraqi warplanes staged retaliatory raids on at least three Iranian towns including Qom, the holy city 80 miles south of Tehran. Another "violent and destructive" attack was launched on targets at Khorramabad, across the border due east of Baghdad, an Iraqi military spokesman said.

Iran, which puts Iraqi war-front casualties at 17,500 dead or wounded in the past four days, said "a number" of civilians were killed or wounded in raids on Khorramabad, Dezful and Esfahan.

Iran's latest war communiqués said the southern front invasion force was "stabilizing positions" after fresh victories over Iraqi defenders west of Shalamcheh. This lent support to independent military assessments that the Iranian thrust was a limited operation rather than the decisive offensive forecast by Iran's war planners.

### Hopes of progress in Geneva

## Superpowers make new bid to break arms deadlock

**From Christopher Walker, Moscow**

The crucial nuclear arms control talks, which resume in Geneva tomorrow, have received a boost with the announcement here that both superpowers have upgraded the status of their delegation heads in a new attempt to break the post-Reykjavik deadlock.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry yesterday convened a special press conference to confirm that its veteran chief negotiator, Mr Viktor Karpov, had been replaced by Mr Yuli Vorontsov, one of two first deputy Foreign Ministers and one of the diplomatic high-flyers of the Gorbachov era.

Amid the ritualistic rhetoric aimed at recent declarations from Washington, the long question-and-answer session contained more than a hint that the main avenue for progress may hinge on the definition of the kind of "laboratory research" permitted to the US Star Wars programme.

Senior Western diplomatic sources said later that they saw the elevation of Mr Vorontsov – until last year the envoy in Paris – as a sign that the Soviet Union may be prepared to adopt a more imaginative approach to the Geneva talks, which have often become bogged down on basic positions.

Mr Vladimir Petrovsky, Deputy Foreign Minister, made it clear that Mr Vorontsov's promotion had been undertaken to give "a new impulse, a new dynamism" to the Geneva nuclear and space weapons talks which – in the absence of any plans for a 1987 summit – are now the main forum for superpower negotiations.

The minister flatly denied a suggestion from one reporter that the Kremlin had recently proposed another "mini-summit" of the Reykjavik variety.

He repeated the stock Kremlin formula that Moscow would be willing to have another Gorbachov-Reagan summit (as originally agreed at Geneva in 1985) if it could be assured in advance that it would achieve substantive results on arms control.

Although the press conference was littered with many strong denunciations of the US position, Mr Petrovsky did express satisfaction that the White House had announced that the chief US negotiator in Geneva, Mr Max Kampelman, would now assume additional duties as a State Department counsellor.

The minister explained that the US move was regarded by Moscow as a "satisfactory" response to the formal proposal made to the Reagan *Administration on January 8* that the level of the delegation heads in Geneva should be upgraded in order to give the talks new momentum.

"We hope that this raising of the level of the delegation heads will make it possible to enliven the talks and make the Reykjavik agreements a reality of international politics," he said, without providing observers present with any evidence for *believing* that a breakthrough was near.

The Soviet view of the importance of the standing of the leaders of the Geneva delegations ran strongly counter *to that* expressed earlier this week in a US television interview by Mr Caspar Weinberger, the American Secretary of Defence, who said: "I think the important thing *really is not the individual* who goes to Geneva, it is the authority he has."

Western diplomats saw the Kremlin move as a demotion for Mr Karpov, who made a *diplomatic gaffe after Reykjavik* by falsely suggesting in both London and Bonn that Moscow might be prepared to negotiate individual agreements on separate elements of *the total package put forward.*

It has been made abundantly clear since that he misrepresented Mr Gorbachov's determination to insist on the package as an *interdependent whole.*

● GENEVA: Mr Kampelman said yesterday that much work remains to be done in discussions with the Soviet Union (Alan McGregor *reports*).

He described Mr Vorontsov, as "a distinguished diplomat who knows my country and the West well, and who has experience in arms *control.*"

**Christopher Tugendhat, page 16**

### Kohl takes a softer line on Soviet bloc

**In an attempt to counteract his vilification of both Russia and *East Germany during* the current election campaign, Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday declared that an improvement in relations with the Soviet bloc remained a firm aim of his *ruling centre-right coalition* (Richard Owen writes from Bonn).**

**He called for further West German political dialogue and for technological co-operation *with Moscow and its allies. He* said Bonn's long-term aim was the unification of Germany.**

## Contrite US tries to mollify Israel

**From Michael Binyon, Washington**

**The Reagan Administration, embarrassed by charges from Jerusalem that it was making Israel a scapegoat in the Iran affair, yesterday hastened to repair relations with a contrite explanation to the Israeli Government.**

**The White House announced that Mr Thomas Pickering, the US Ambassador to Israel, had called on officials to correct any impression from the White House release of documents that President Reagan blamed Israel for initiating the arms sales to Iran.**

**"The papers in no way reflect discredit or cast blame on Israel or attribute responsibility to Israel for the decisions made by the President," Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said. Relations between the United States and Israel remained close, and publicity about the role each played must not damage the relationship.**

**The White House statement follows an angry outburst on Monday from President Herzog of Israel, who accused some US government officials of using Israel as a "whipping boy" in alleging that Israel initiated both the arms sales and the diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan Contras.**

**The Reagan Administration was deeply embarrassed by leaks of a Senate intelligence committee report which said Israel had pressed the US to sell the arms to Tehran. President Reagan has invited Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli *Prime Minister, to* Washington for talks on February 18. The last thing he now needs is a public quarrel with Jerusalem.**

**However, a memorandum to President Reagan from Vice-Admiral John Poindexter, the former National Security Adviser, said Mr Shimon Peres, who was then the Israeli Prime Minister, was the moving force behind the arms deal. The document was released by the White House on Friday. The State Department criticized this release.**

**Meanwhile, Mr Robert Mcfarlane, the former National Security Adviser, admitted to NBC television that he had deliberately lied in asserting earlier that President Reagan knew nothing about the Israeli arms shipment to Tehran in August 1985. He said he and other White House aides had concocted a cover story that Mr Reagan knew about this only after the fact, in order to protect the President.**

**In his later testimony on oath before the House foreign affairs committee, he said that Mr Reagan had approved this shipment. This contradicted the testimony of Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, who said he had not. *Mr Mcfarlane told NBC that* he had now given the correct version, whereas the White House was still sticking to the false cover story.**

**A White House official, however, *said Mr Mcfarlane* was trying to protect himself.**

**Blame is coming ever closer to Mr Reagan himself, however. On Monday, Senator William Cohen of Maine, the top Republican on the Senate intelligence committee, said Mr Reagan could not escape responsibility for the mistake of selling arms.**

**In a speech in the Senate, he said: "He must accept the consequences of the actions of those he selected."**

**In reply, the White House declared that President Reagan *did*, indeed, accept responsibility for the actions of his staff.**

## Jumblatt vows to aid mission by Waite

**From Juan Carlos Gumucio**
**Beirut**

Mr Terry Waite, whose efforts to secure the release of hostages in Lebanon were suddenly overshadowed by the abduction of a French journalist in west Beirut yesterday, received assurances from the powerful Druze leader of the Progressive Socialist Party that his militia will do their best to help his mission.

Mr Walid Jumblatt was the first Lebanese leader Mr Waite met after his arrival in the Lebanese capital on Monday in a new bid to win the release of 16 foreign and scores of Lebanese hostages.

"He did an excellent job last time and I hope this time he will succeed," Mr Jumblatt said in a brief appearance before the press. Mr Waite used the occasion to underline the humanitarian nature of his mission, and to dispel doubts that his role in the release of two American hostages was linked to the secret arms-for-hostages deal between Washington and Iran.

"We have had a very good conversation together," Mr Waite said. He stressed an end to the hostage issue would contribute to ending Lebanon's civil war.

Mr Waite's meeting with Mr Jumblatt was an unequivocal sign that the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy was exploring a new avenue in his campaign for the release of hostages.

*Mr* Jumblatt's party, a leading force in Lebanon's tiny, secular left, is believed to have played a key role in the release of two Soviet diplomats kidnapped in West Beirut in *1985. The PSP,* regarded as the mightiest militia, is now in charge of providing security for Mr Waite.

It was not clear what Mr Jumblatt and Mr Waite discussed *during* a *private* 45-minute meeting at Mr Jumblatt's home in the Museitbeh neighbourhood of west Beirut. Mr Waite was later driven in a bulletproof car to the Chouf *mountains* for talks with Druze leaders.

Mr Waite has been maintaining his pledge to give as little information as possible to the press. He made only one *slight* concession at midnight on Monday, when he said he had established contact with an unidentified "intermediary".

But with polite determ*ination, he has* declined to answer questions related to his mission and set the rules of his relations with the journalists during a stroll in the seaside Avenue de Paris, outside the heavily guarded Riviera Hotel where he is staying.

"From today, I have a lot of people to see and I will not be making any more press statements at all," he said. "It is necessary for me to be quiet and to be out of the way for a while."

**For the second day running and the fourth time this year, Israeli jets yesterday struck at Palestinian bases inside Lebanon, this time in the Bekaa Valley not far from the Syrian border (Ian Murray writes from Jerusalem).**

## Chalker clears air in Ghana

**By Andrew McEwen**
**Diplomatic Correspondent**

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is believed to have cleared the air with *Ghana* after heated discussions over Britain's refusal to apply comprehensive sanctions against South Africa.

Mrs Chalker flew home yesterday *feeling much* more confident about relations with Ghana, which took a leading role in the black African walkout from last year's Commonwealth Games.

*After* a hostile demonstration and three sharply anti-British radio broadcasts in Ghana, the chances of an understanding with Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings's Government at first looked remote.

Her meeting with Mr P V Obeng, the Prime Minister, started badly, but the tone rapidly improved. "We had a *fairly* frank and brusque discussion, but at the end he appreciated our point of view," she said.

More sharp words followed with Captain Kojo Tsikata, member of the *Provisional* National Defence Council for Foreign Affairs. "He said 'You must have comprehensive mandatory sanctions,' and I said there had to be another way which would not harm the black people to the same extent".

The fact that Britain was prepared to defend its position on a moral basis appeared to win respect. Mrs Chalker said she was asked to return for longer and deeper discussion.

The minister's tour has greatly improved prospects for the next Commonwealth conference, Whitehall sources said.

**The Pope and General Jaruzelski shaking hands before retiring to the Vatican library for lengthy private talks.**

## Pope hails 'historic' meeting

**From Roger Boyes, Rome**

The Pope yesterday held unusually long political talks with General Wojciech Jaruzelski and, in an extraordinary gesture towards the Polish Communist leader, received his daughter, Monika, presenting her with a rosary.

The Pope, looking tired and *serious, described the meeting* as "historic" and said it would bring "fruits for both Europe and Poland". A Vatican communiqué said the talks lasted 70 minutes – longer, *without* an interpreter, than those with any other leader in recent memory – and that they were "earnest, clear and profound".

The two Poles discussed social problems in their homeland, Church-state relations and "questions of international peace".

Vatican pundits were convinced yesterday that the Pope regards his pilgrimage to Poland in June as a stepping stone to a summit meeting *this year with Mr Mikhail* Gorbachov, the Soviet leader. This would go some way to explaining why he referred to his encounter with the Polish general as "historic" as well as *his allusions to future* benefits for the whole of Europe.

The largest part of the audience, conducted in the Pope's library, concerned Poland. And perhaps his greatest concern for his homeland and other communist countries is to win over the young generation to Christianity. This was graphically illustrated yesterday by his short encounter with the general's daughter, aged 23, a student who as a teenager sympathized with the now outlawed Solidarity union.

Dressed in black, Monika Jaruzelski curtsied when the Pope gave her a rosary for herself and another for her mother, Barbara Jaruzelski.

*There will be key signals in* the next few weeks as to whether yesterday's session will lead to a deeper relationship between Moscow and the Vatican. General Jaruzelski's *aides are cautious,* stressing that there will always be irreconcilable political differences between Catholics and Marxists. Senior Politburo members, however, are expected to travel to Moscow in the next few weeks.

After the papal audience, General Jaruzelski met Italian business leaders to explain how Poland intends to pay its large debts to the West. Italy is ready to lend more – especially if Warsaw agrees to Fiat, the Italian car maker, modernizing the Polish car industry.

## EEC lawyer hears property complaints in Spain

**From Richard Wigg**
**Jávea, Costa Blanca**

**Spanish international fraud squad detectives were present here yesterday as an EEC Commission lawyer heard elderly Britons who own property on a local estate accuse a Spanish developer of conning them with a "hidden mortgage", which had resulted in the foreclosure of their properties.**

**The Britons, who had all bought villas on the Cala Blanca Park estate, alleged that the property development company, Provicsa, contracted in their deeds of purchase to pay back the mortgage taken with the Banco Hipotecario, but failed to do so before going into official receivership.**

**This resulted, they said, in the creditors, who had supplied the building material for the estate, serving an embargo on 40 foreign-owned villas out of the 104 on the estate.**

**The inspectors, from the Alicante police, told reporters afterwards that their presence was part of investigations they had in hand.**

**But Mr Nigel Guy, who is chairman of the Cala Blanca Community Association and a retired garage owner from Hampshire, claimed that two years of seeking redress from local courts had got them nowhere.**

**Mr Edward Latham from Britain, a lawyer with the European Commission for 15 years, was beginning a week-long visit to Spanish Mediterranean resorts to listen to complaints after the European Parliament took up the problem. He reports to Mr Gregoris Varfis, a Brussels Commissioner from Greece.**

**"I am not here to create an incident with Spain, but to find out the facts and report back. Spain is a friend of ours, keep that in mind," Mr Latham cautioned a gathering of about 200 foreigners, mostly Britons, in a hotel.**

**After emphasizing how Spanish and Portuguese ministerial *officials* had already discussed the problem with him in Brussels, the lawyer, who is today due to be joined by Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, a British Euro-MP, observed: "Madrid knows perfectly well that it is of vital importance for Spanish tourism that such problems as arise are being examined. No one doubts that the Community is involved."**

**He said there was a list of some 60 complaints from Germans, French, Dutch, Belgians and Britons over the buying of property in Spain and Portugal.**

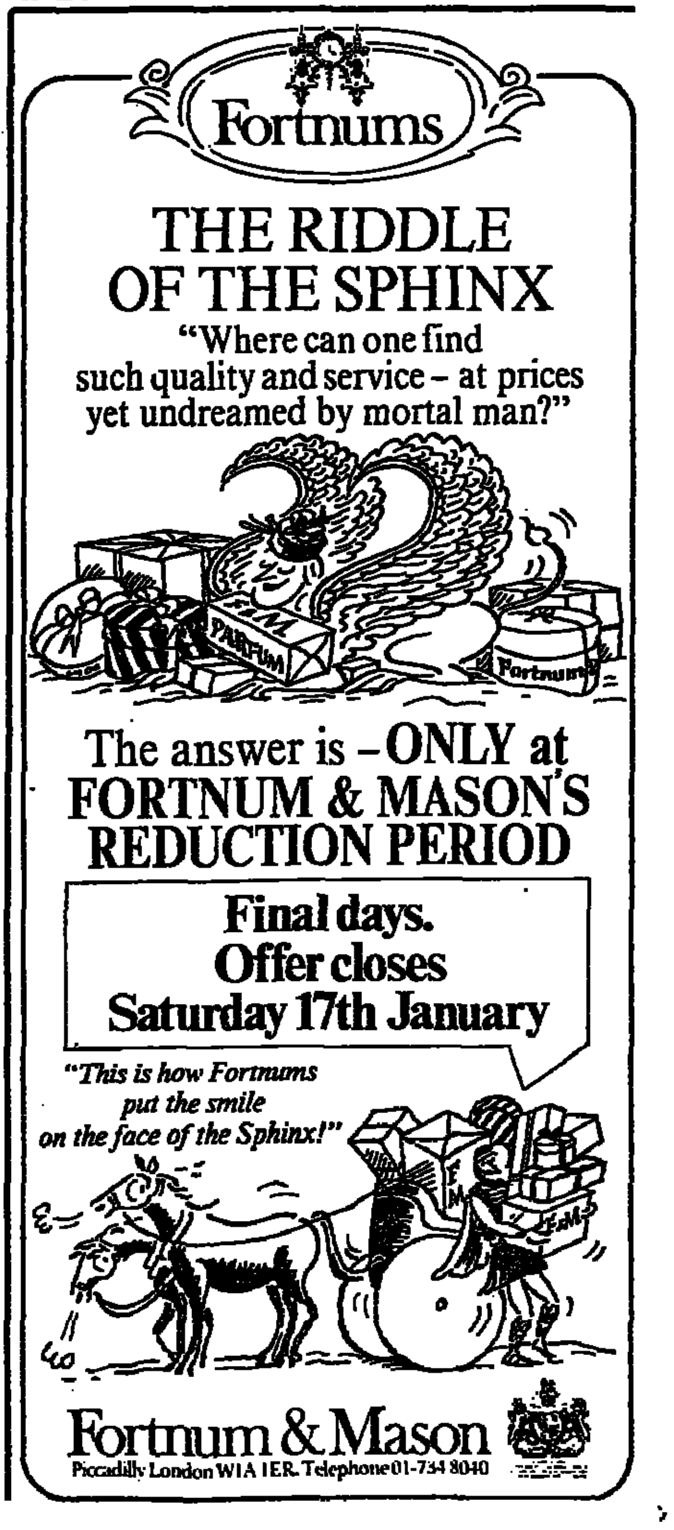
**Mr Latham afterwards visited Cala Blanca Park accompanied by the Spanish detectives and by Mr Per Svensson, the Norwegian chairman of the Foreign Property Owners' Institute, a local pressure group, which *helped to* organize the visit.**

**Mr Gaston Gilly, an Argentinian and his British retired schoolmistress wife, Jacqueline, told Mr Latham of a 1.4 million pesetas (more than £7,000) outstanding mortgage, plus interest at 30 per cent, demanded as overdue by the official mortgage bank, while the creditors had embargoed their villa.**

**Mr Latham emphasized nothing must be done to interfere with Spanish courts.**

**Another British property owner argued that a major help would be if Spanish legislation required developers to insure *building projects.* Mr Svensson pointed out, however, that a Spanish law of the 1960s already covered that, adding: "The problem is the authorities are not enforcing it."**

**A long list of Britain's complaints extended to purchases lacking official titles to the property, the too-late discovery that no planning permission had ever been granted, alleged discrimination by local authorities against foreign residents over water charges, and delays lasting years over community facilities such as a telephone.**



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# Muslim tribesmen tip balance in Chad's desert war with Libya

**From Philip Jacobson, Ndjamena**

On a dirt road outside the Chadian capital, an army Jeep rockets past in a cloud of dust, with half-a-dozen young men clinging to a machine-gun in the back. With bearded faces half-hidden in a *burnous* and wearing tinted goggles, they have automatic rifles on their backs and bandoliers of bullets round their waist.

The toughness and fighting spirit of troops like these, Arabic-speaking Muslims from the remote northern deserts of this huge country, provides President Hissène Habré's forces with an invaluable cutting edge in the war against Libya.

At home in the windswept scrubland, impervious to the ferocious daytime heat and bitter nights, they have begun penetrating deep into Libyan-controlled territory in heavily armed flying columns of Jeeps and Toyota land cruisers, many captured from the enemy.

The Government's overwhelming victory at the strongly defended Libyan enclave at Fada earlier this month owed everthing to the skillful guerrilla tactics of the Gorane tribesmen, who less than three months ago were fighting President Habré alongside Colonel Gadaffi's forces. Abrupt changes of allegiance on the battlefields have been part and parcel of the complex mosaic of Chad's 20-year civil war, but never before has this so dramatically influenced either side's fortunes.

It is already clear that the erratic Colonel Gadaffi disastrously underestimated the damage caused by his recent break with the Goranes of the Popular Armed Forces, known as FAP. The group's leader, Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the former Chadian President, has been under virtual house arrest since being shot by his Libyan minder in Tripoli last October. The loss of such hardy local allies leaves Colonel Gadaffi's troops scattered around the north in isolated positions in enemy territory.

To judge from the accounts of prisoners taken at Fada, morale was already very low before the attack. Libyans traditionally fear the nomadic tribesmen roaming their border with Chad. On this occasion, they were cleverly lulled into a false sense of security by a series of light skirmishes.

The sudden overwhelming assaults by fast moving "Toyota brigades" cut through their perimeter defences like a knife and a wholesale slaughter began. "They were knocking out Soviet T 55 tanks with rockets from a range of a few yards," one observer said.

The question now is whether these Gorane guerrillas can consolidate their success. The talk now is of continuing the Chadian offensive with a drive against Ouadi Doum, Colonel Gadaffi's main airfield inside Chad.

After Fada the Goranes fear nobody, even though their battlefield commanders accept that the Libyans will have learnt some lessons from that débâcle.

Most observers here believe that the French, who have provided President Habré's forces with the modern weapons and training that was needed to transform insurgents into relatively disciplined troops, are urging a more cautious approach with detailed forward planning.

"It takes time for these sort of fighters to get over the joy of a victory and address themselves carefully to the next objective," said one well-placed source.

"You should remember that no so long ago, tribesmen like this could quite easily quit and *head for home in the middle* of a campaign because they didn't feel like doing any more shooting for the time being."

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, greeting King Husain of Jordan yesterday at a reception in Paris. King Husain and Queen Noor are on a three-day visit to France.

## Nakasone in East Berlin talks

East Berlin (Reuter) – The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, held talks yesterday with the East German leader, Herr Erich Honecker, and other government officials, during a European tour aimed at cementing Tokyo's ties with Soviet bloc countries. The one-day visit was expected to focus on economic, political and cultural ties. Both sides are eager to step up trade, especially in chemicals and light machinery.

Repeated appeals by Herr Honecker for swifter application of newly-developed technology have reflected East Germany's concern that its centralized economy lacks the flexibility to keep up with Japan and the West.

Mr Nakasone continues his tour with visits to Yugoslavia and Poland.

# Kohl and Rau head for the hustings as poll draws nearer

**From Richard Owen, Bonn**

This is not the weather for election campaigning, with West Germany shivering in Moscow-style temperatures and train passengers sipping Gluhwein at stations to keep warm.

But Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor and leader of the centre-right coalition, and Herr Johannes Rau, his Social Democratic (SPD) opponent, are both on the stump as polling day on January 25 draws near, Herr Kohl flying above the snow in a helicopter and Herr Rau ploughing through it in a special SPD train.

The modern streets and shopping centres of Bonn are plastered with posters of Herr Kohl's familiar full-faced, bespectacled features, and the less familiar features of Herr Rau, who is in the Kinnock-like position of not having held a national office (he was plucked by the SPD from relative obscurity as the Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia to be candidate for Chancellor.)

The German tabloid newspaper *Bild*, which makes British tabloids look staid, yesterday compared the domestic habits, as well as the policies, of Herr Kohl and Herr Rau *and concluded* they not only had much the same recipes for unemployment (economic expansion) but also lived similar bourgeois lives, with houses full of books, wine and old furniture, not to mention home helps (in Herr Rau's case an English *au pair*).

To raise its profile, the SPD has also put up posters of Herr Horst Ehmke, one of the leading SPD parliamentary candidates in Bonn itself. Unfortunately, with his white hair, goatee beard and piercing eyes, Herr Ehmke somewhat resembles the portrait of Enemy Number One in Orwell's *1984*. On the other hand, he bears the thoroughly impressive (especially to Germans) triple title of Herr Doctor Professor.

So far, at least, apart from controversial remarks by Herr Kohl and Herr Hans Josef Strauss, the leader of the Christian Social Union (the CDU's sister party in Bavaria) on German national pride and the need to emerge from the Nazi past, there are few arresting election issues, except perhaps for Aids.

"Stoppt Aids" scream the billboards on Adenauer Allee, Bonn's main thoroughfare and the site of the Chancellor's office. Every lamp post is festooned with anti-Aids messages and the accompanying slogan *"Patrioten sur Deutschland"*.

This turns out to be not an attempt by the Christian Democrats to harness the Aids scare in the interests of gaining an even bigger majority than the one they seem likely to get on January 25, but rather a desperate attempt by one of the fringe parties, the ultra-right-wing Patriots For Germany, to play on fear of the disease and hostility to homosexuals in an effort to garner enough votes to pass the 5 per cent barrier a party needs if it is to enter the Bundestag, or Parliament.

The advertising campaign, which features an astronaut on the Moon clutching a West German flag (the spacesuit as anti-Aids protection, perhaps) is most unlikely to succeed, nor are any of the other 10 fringe parties likely to surmount the 5 per cent hurdle.

The main contenders are the Greens – no longer a fringe party but very much in the forefront of German politics – the Free Democrats (FDP), and the CSU, both allied in Government with the Christian Democrats, and above all the CDU and the SPD.

In effect, this is a two-horse race for Chancellor between Herr Kohl and Herr Rau, and a straw poll in the *bierstubes* of Bonn confirms what the West German papers have been saying for weeks: that although Herr Kohl's popularity is falling slightly as the election approaches, the only real question will be the size of his majority. His main problem is how to avoid complacency.

Since the rather provincial atmosphere of Bonn does not lend itself to political turmoil at the best of times, it is hardly surprising that much media attention has gone either to Herr Kohl's controversial remark about concentration camps in East Germany or to the burly Bavarian figure of Herr Strauss, who – with his forthright conservative views – can always be relied on to cause a stir.

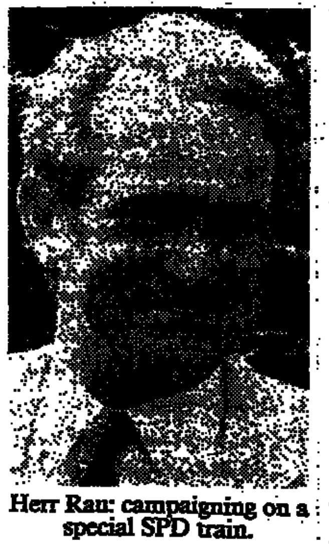
As far as some German voters are concerned, the main theme of this election is not so much "stop Aids" as "stop Strauss", the unofficial election slogan of the FDP. Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister in the coalition, is the FDP's most prominent figure and is widely respected throughout all of the country.

Unfortunately, the FDP only has a small electoral base, and in the past has been helped over the 5 per cent hurdle by CDU voters casting their second vote in the two-tier West German electoral system for the Free Democrats.

The FDP fear is that this time that may not happen, and if the CDU and the CSU gain *an overwhelming conservative* majority on their own Herr Strauss could fulfil his ambition and become a minister in Bonn — to be exact, Foreign Minister, thus displacing Herr Genscher.

Most German voters seem fully aware that this would give West Germany a radically different and more belligerent image on the European and world stage.

Unless there are upsets in the next week or so, the likely result is more of the same, which is the Christian Democrats' election slogan, "Weiter So Deutschland", translated by some wags in Bonn as "Carry on, Germany".



Herr Rau: campaigning on a special SPD train.

Herr Strauss: FDP aims to blight his hopes of office.

# Socialists offered Green alliance

**From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn**

With the latest opinion poll showing a slight fall in the popularity of the centre-right coalition led by Chancellor Kohl and a boost for his Socialist opponent, Herr Johannes Rau, a group of Green party leaders yesterday called for an electoral alliance between the Greens and the SDP as the only realistic chance of toppling the coalition.

But the SDP leadership, including Herr Rau himself, still appears to be opposed to a "Red-Green" alliance even in the closing stages of the campaign, which has 10 days to run.

Herr Helmut Wiesenthal and Herr Norbert Kostede, two of the Green leaders, said at a press conference that Herr Rau's "superman strategy" of trying to obtain an absolute majority for the SPD was in ruins.

An alliance with the Greens would give the Socialists a chance of gaining power, provided the Greens could obtain between 10 and 15 per cent of the vote. The Greens said that, if Herr Rau was unable to contemplate this, another SPD leader such as the left-wing Herr Oskar Lafontaine, Prime Minister of the Saarland, might seize the opportunity. The left wing of the SPD had much in common with the Greens, including social and environment policies, the Green leaders said.

The latest opinion poll, published yesterday in *Die Welt*, gives the CDU-CSU coalition 44.8 per cent, compared with 48.7 per cent a month ago. The SPD share of the vote is 36.7 per cent, compared with 34.8 per cent last month, the Greens share is 9.5 per cent (a drop from 11.7 per cent), and the FDP share is 8.5 per cent, a rise of 2.5 per cent. Herr Rau has gained in popularity, according to the opinion poll, but he is still *six points behind* Herr Kohl, with 34 per cent to the Chancellor's 40 per cent.

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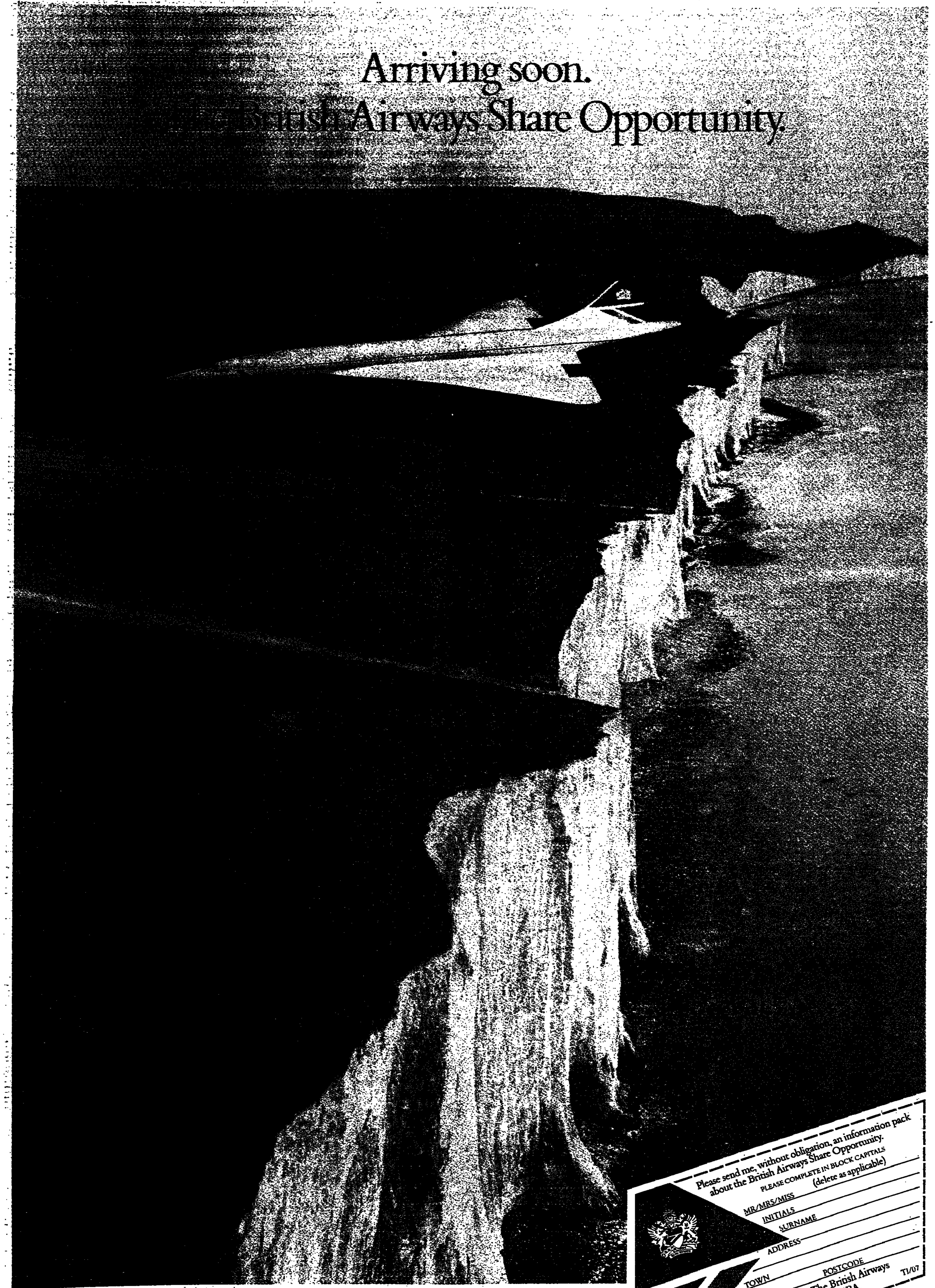

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### Democratic reform in China

# Deng sees intellectuals as threat

**From Robert Grieves
Peking**

Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, told a Japanese visitor yesterday that "intellectuals, not students" threatened his regime's reform programme.

Mr Deng made his remarks to Mr Noboru Takeshita, the General Secretary of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, on the same day that front-page articles in two leading Chinese newspapers called for a renewed study of Marxism to combat the negative effects of Western "bourgeois liberalization" and "spiritual pollution".

"We have faced a threat from the left but now we face a threat from the right," Mr Deng said in his interview with Mr Takeshita.

Mr Deng mentioned three people who had opposed the party. They were Mr Fang Izhi, a prominent scientist recently dismissed as vice-president of the National University of Science and Technology in Hefei, Anhui province, accused of helping to foment student demonstrations and neglecting "the ideological and political work at the school"; Mr Liu Bingyan, a former investigative reporter for *People's Daily* and a well-known writer; and Mr Wang Ruowang, another prominent writer. Mr Liu is now reported to be in hiding.

Analysts saw in Mr Deng's remarks a direct criticism of Mr Hu Yaobang, the party General Secretary, who has not been seen in public since December 28. Mr Fang is considered to be a protégé of Mr Hu's.

Moreover, Mr Deng's comments were seen as referring to the "Peking Spring" movement of last year, when writers, artists and intellectuals were encouraged to express themselves in a manner that echoed Mao Tse-tung's 1956 Hundred Flowers Campaign.

Like the original Hundred Flowers Movement, last year's second Hundred Flowers Movement appears to have been followed by a new "anti-writers" campaign, analysts said.

Mr Deng has blamed intellectuals and "bourgeois liberalization" for inspiring the student demonstrations calling for greater freedom and democracy that occurred in 12 Chinese cities during December and earlier this month.

Tuesday's edition of *Guangming Daily* carried a commentary by Mr Peng Zhen, chairman of the National People's Congress and a member of the ruling Politburo, who wrote that Marxist principles must be used to "oppose bourgeois liberalization and spiritual pollution".

In Tuesday's *People's Daily*, a report on Monday's meeting between Chinese vice-premiers and representatives from 19 science and technology universities reported that Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Prime Minister, "emphasized the development of courses of study that deal with hardship and struggle".

On the same page, *People's Daily* quoted Mr Wang Daming, deputy director of the party Central Committee's propaganda department, as telling members of a publishing conference held in Peking that "all Chinese publications must promote socialism and resist bourgeois liberalization".

Mr Tian Jiyun, the Vice-Premier, in an earlier meeting with Mr Takeshita, was quoted by *People's Daily* as saying: "Our reform of the political structure must take place under the leadership of the party."

A commentary in *People's Daily* said an official from the party's discipline and inspection commission headed by Mr Chen Yun, a party conservative, called for the renewed teaching of party principles and party history on university campuses.

Students at Nanjing University and Nanjing Industrial Institute last month demonstrated specifically against having to take examinations that tested political knowledge.

### Letter from Harare

# Lightning profit for a magician

Lightning is Mr Elephigio Chikwana's business.

From the beginning of the rainy season until the last storms in April, he is the revered remover of the eggs.

When wide-eyed emissaries arrive at his hut in Vuti, about 90 miles north of here, with news of a bolt that has wrecked the village granary, the spiritual healer picks up a sack and a few choice herbs and hoists his hoe to his shoulders.

On arrival at the blackened stick-and-daub structure, he may go into a trance before churning the earth with his hoe and then uttering a loud "Ah" that signifies he has found the deadly eggs.

Without letting others see them — not that anyone would want to cast their eyes upon the harbingers of violent death and destruction — he slips them into the sack, collects his fee and returns home to await new clients.

The residents of the Vuti resettlement area are among thousands of rural Zimbabweans who believe that with the blast of the *Mabanganana*, or thunder, a giant bird shoots in on the wings of a bolt of lightning, lays its eggs on the site where the bolt strikes, and vanishes.

The eggs have the awesome power of guiding future bolts to where they lie.

Anyone who has endured the frightening intensity of such a tropical thunderstorm or seen the force of a 3 billion joule bolt from 50 yards, or had their innards rattled by the subsequent clap, will understand how easily it can become an object of terror and develop its own bizarre mythology.

More so when, in Zimbabwe, lightning kills an average of 160 people a year, injures scores of others, and causes millions of dollars of damage to property.

Zimbabwe's climate and geography give it an average of 70 days of thunderstorms a year, some areas having up to 110 days compared with six in London. The frequency of lightning here is regarded as probably the highest in the world, as is its death toll.

Part of the reason for the death toll is the fact that rural Zimbabweans tend to site their huts on high ground away from any trees and then top the thatch with a sheet metal cone.

The rapid denuding of vegetation in the communal farming areas has made abodes a more likely target for a bolt seeking the highest point on the landscape.

The Government has gone to great lengths to make Zimbabweans wise to the dangers. The Zimbabwean electricity supply authority has embarked on a drive to circulate a pamphlet on how to make a rudimentary lighting conductor for £1.25.

Television and radio programmes are interrupted every day with the growl of thunder and followed with guidance on how to avoid death from above.

Lightning to most rural Zimbabweans is not the little understood and apparently random phenomenon it is to the meteorologists, who have chosen this country as ideal lightning monitoring territory.

To the former, it is a force of evil that is deliberately harnessed for the undoing of others.

"Black" witchcraft is outlawed here, and no cases of lightning invocation have appeared in the courts since the mid-1960s.

But, for a small sum of foreign currency, you could cross the border in the southeast into Mozambique and look up a well-known family of *varoi*, or practioners of bad medicine, among the Shangaan people there and procure a bolt for your cuckolding neighbour.

The survivors of a bolt of lightning attract notoriety, their escape being attributed to a notion that they could only have lived by having even stronger *muti*, or medicine, than the bolt itself.

A neighbour of farming relatives of mine was severely burnt by a bolt. She survived, but the labour compound was deserted the next day.

And the fate of the two-year-old child, who in 1984 was strapped to its mother's back and lived while the mother dropped dead from a bolt, has not been told.

**Jan Raath**

# Health and education suffer in Israel austerity package

**From Ian Murray, Jerusalem**

Israelis face another tough period of belt-tightening following agreement between Government, unions and employers on a detailed new austerity package aimed at consolidating the economy. It includes a 10 per cent devaluation of the shekel and government spending cuts of 400m shekels (£181 million).

Cuts in subsidies and higher health and education charges are expected to add about 90 shekels (£41) to the monthly bills of the average Israeli family. Nevertheless, the Histadrut labour federation has agreed, as part of the package, to delay payment for two months of the index-linked 2.7 per cent cost of living increase which is now due.

Price controls will be extended for a further year, although food subsidies will be reduced to push up bread prices by 20 per cent, dairy products by 14 per cent, and poultry by 5 per cent.

Only the Defence Ministry has not been asked to make any cuts, although Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, has not been given the extra 10 per cent he claimed was essential if national security was not to suffer.

Only Mr Yitzhak Navon, the Education Minister, and Mrs Shoshana Arbelli-Almoslino, the new Health Minister, voted against the deal, which asks them to make the biggest sacrifices. The Health Minister was furious with her colleagues.

"Have you gone crazy?" she shouted at them during a Cabinet meeting. "Have you gone out of your minds?" In a brief private meeting with Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, she warned she would not implement the measures, which she claimed would necessitate laying off half her ministry's personnel.

The main aim of the devaluation — which means a dollar now costs 1.65 shekels instead of 1.49 shekels — has been to help Israeli exporters become more competitive. It is hoped that lower interest rates will follow, which will make more credit available to industry to help it to grow.

There are further incentives to capital investment in tax reforms which generally lower income tax rates to a maximum of 48 per cent on incomes of more than 3,100 shekels (£1,410) a month, with a further 10 per cent surcharge on incomes of more than 9,000 (£4,100) shekels a month.

These tax reforms, along with the cuts in subsidies, have run into strong opposition from the small left-wing parties and some sections of the Labour Party inside the coalition Government.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour Party leader and Foreign Minister, who worked out the package with Mr Moshe Nissim, the Likud Finance Minister, has promised that it will not caused unemployment. Mr Nissim has forecast that the new exchange rate will remain stable and inflation not rise too steeply. Mr Mikail Bruno, the governor of the Bank of Israel, has predicted, however, that there will be a 6 per cent increase in the cost of living over the next two months as a direct result of the package.

### Aftermath of cardinal's Jerusalem trip

# Jewish-Catholic rift widens

**From Christopher Thomas, Washington**

Jewish-Catholic tensions over Israel, particularly serious in New York, exploded into a bitter round of public recriminations yesterday in the aftermath of the disastrous trip to Jerusalem by Cardinal John O'Connor of New York.

Ironically, the visit was urged upon Cardinal O'Connor by the Jewish leadership in New York in the hope of making him more aware of Jewish concern about the Vatican's refusal either to recognize the Jewish state or to accept its sovereignty over Jerusalem. It now seems that both Cardinal O'Connor and the Jewish hierarchy in the United States wish the trip had never taken place.

*The Washington Post* weighed into the row yesterday with a hard-hitting editorial that accused the Vatican of being "an institution whose past is stained with anti-Semitism."

Earlier this week, a tense-looking Cardinal O'Connor raised eyebrows with a blunt rejection of a critical statement about his trip.

"I hope there is nothing in that statement that will make it more difficult than it has been for me in trying to suport the Jewish cause", he said.

**Investigators preparing the case against Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the nuclear informant of *The Sunday Times*, are recommending that he be further charged with revealing state secrets for writing on his hand that he was "hijacked in Rome" before being taken to Israel to stand trial for treason and espionage (Ian Murray writes from Jerusalem).**

Since then, the controversy has escalated rapidly. The letters page of *The New York Times* was dominated by the row yesterday. Mr Henry Siegman, Executive Director of the American Jewish Congress, wrote to complain of Cardinal O'Connor's "implication" that the Vatican establishes diplomatic ties only with governments of whose policies it approves.

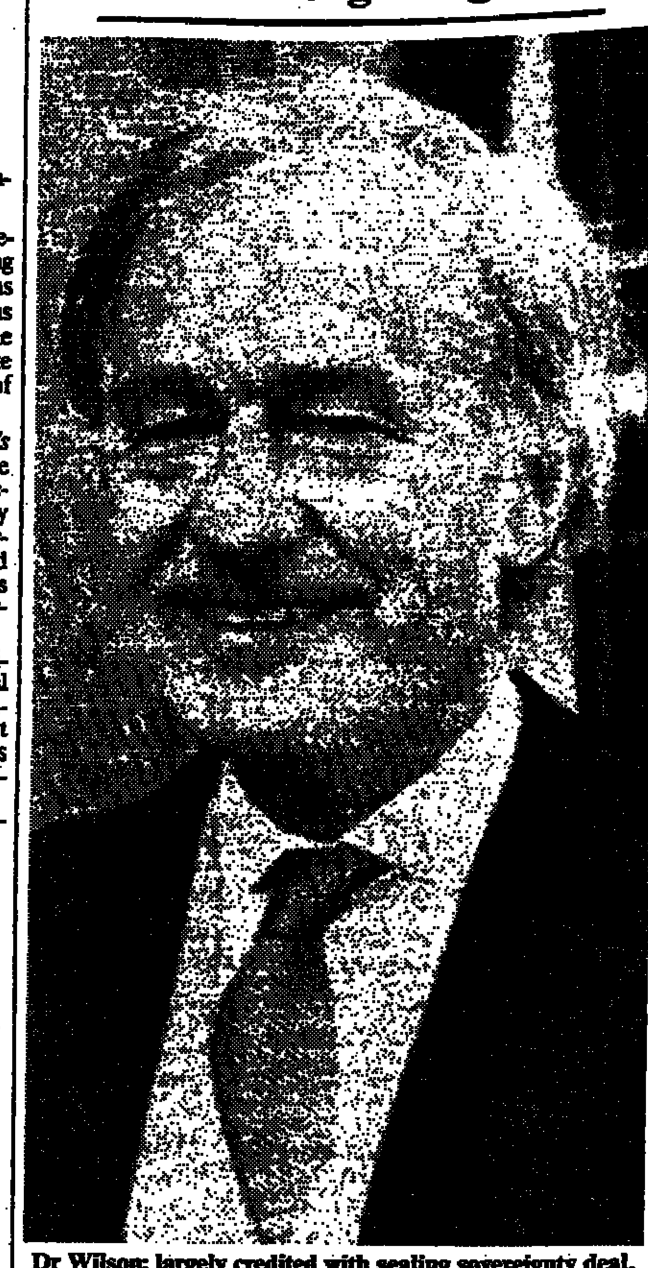
"But the Vatican maintains formal diplomatic ties even with repressive and dictatorial regimes", the letter said.

The cardinal's sympathetic statements about the plight of the Palestinians has fired much of the Jewish anger.

Mr Siegman retorted that the reason the Palestinian problem continues to fester "is the moral and political bankruptcy of Palestinian leadership".

Much of the Jewish anger rests on a remark by Cardinal O'Connor after he emerged from a visit to a Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem. He said the Holocaust was "an enormous gift" of Judaism to the world, a remark which, as *The Washington Post* pointed out yesterday, was "Catholic terminology with which many of his Jewish listeners were evidently unfamiliar".

### Man in Hong Kong news



Dr Wilson: largely credited with sealing sovereignty deal.

# Mandarin scholar to be Governor

**By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent**

**The new Governor of Hong Kong is to be Dr David Wilson, aged 51, a brilliant Mandarin scholar and diplomat who has been largely credited with one of Mrs Thatcher's most notable foreign policy successes.**

**Dr Wilson will replace Sir Edward Youde, whose death in December during important negotiations on the colony's future was a serious blow to the Foreign Office.**

**His appointment will end six weeks of political speculation at a time when maintaining confidence in Hong Kong is considered important.**

**The Prime Minister is understood to have given formal approval to the Foreign Office choice of Dr Wilson. She is likely to be pleased that he has been rewarded for his role in the Joint Declaration between Whitehall and Peking, which charted Hong Kong's future from July 1997 when Britain's lease expires.**

**Signed in September 1984, the document enshrined Peking's promise that the world's most successful economy (measured on a per capita basis) will remain capitalist for at least 50 years after China resumes sovereignty.**

**Dr Wilson headed the British team on the joint Anglo-Chinese committee which thrashed out the vital wording of the document in three months of intense negotiations against an implied deadline imposed by the Chinese.**

**More recently he has headed the British delegation to the Joint Liaison Group, another Anglo-Chinese body, which meets three times a year to put flesh on the bones of the Joint Declaration. He was in Peking for a four-day session of the group a week before Sir Percy died there.**

**In the final stages the choice for Governor was between Dr Wilson and Mrs Thatcher's personal adviser on Hong Kong, Sir Percy Cradock, aged 63.**

**Part of the reason for the delay in making a decision was a feeling that Dr Wilson, although eminently qualified, was a rank too junior and a few years too young. On the other hand, however, there was concern that the job might be physically too arduous for a man of 63, given that Sir Percy had been working part-time for Mrs Thatcher since his retirement as a senior diplomat.**

**There was some anxiety also to avoid a second death in office. Although Sir Edward had undergone open-heart surgery before his appointment as Governor, it was felt that his death may have been hastened by incessant air travel.**

**The fact that in China seniority is equated with age, and the need to avoid a loss of face for Hong Kong residents by appointing someone too young, counts against Dr Wilson. He will turn 52 a little more than a month after his appointment is announced.**

**This will be in time for a successor to assume his important mantle in the Joint Liaison Group, which is due to meet next on March 17 in Hong Kong. While the identity of his replacement remained secret yesterday, it was clear that Mr John Boyd, Political Adviser to Sir Edward, would be involved in the reshuffle.**

**Now Mr Boyd has been called back to Whitehall for a "substantial position" which remains to be announced.**

# Policemen killed in Cape township

Cape Town — In an unusually savage spate of violence, two policemen have been killed during the last week in a local black township (George Brock writes).

A 24-year-old black policeman was shot on Monday night in Guguletu, apparently while visiting his girl friend, who was also injured.

The incident came only three days after a grenade attack on a car carrying several white policemen which killed one of the occupants and injured two others.

One of the injured was one of the most notorious policemen in the Western Cape. He had been dubbed the "Rambo of the townships" because he patrolled with a shotgun, two sidearms and ammunition belts.

## Flaps down

Delhi (AP) — Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, donned a helmet and parachute and took to the skies in a spur-of-the-moment attempt at "parasailing". The former pilot rose 400 ft and "landed like a bird", his instructor said.

## Quito minister

Quito (AP) — The ambassador to the Organization of American States, Señor Rafael García Velasco, has been named as Ecuador's new Foreign Minister.

## Crash claims

Seattle (AP) — The Boeing Company and Japan Air Lines have so far paid $47 million (£32 million) in settlements to families of 97 of the 520 people who died when a Boeing 747 crashed in 1985.

## Arrests close

San Juan (AP) — Governor Rafael Hernández Colón said authorities were close to making arrests after the New Year's Eve fire at the Dupont Plaza Hotel that killed 96 people and injured 140.

## Contra radio

San José (AP) — Radio Liberation, the 50,000-watt station of Nicaragua's anti-Sandinista rebels, will begin daily broadcasting this week, a Contra leader said.

## Briton free

Harare (AP) — Mr Mike Howard, a Briton who lives in South Africa, has been freed after nearly three months in a Zambian prison and deported to Harare.

## Bomb bag

Milan (Reuter) — Italian police said they had arrested a 26-year-old Lebanese man at Milan airport carrying in his luggage 24.2 lb of plastic explosives.

## Lee ill

Singapore (Reuter) — Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Singapore Prime Minister, is in hospital with a bladder ailment and is expected to stay another two days.

## Narcotics ring

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet police have arrested 43 members of a narcotics ring operating out of the republic of Kazakhstan, where youths under the influence of drugs took part in recent nationalist riots, a newspaper said.

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# THE ARTS

## Showing cracks

**The first episode of *A Sort of Innocence* (BBC1) spliced together the smooth round of life in a cathedral school, where a chorister's voice was showing cracks, and the fraught world of Midlands engineering, where a bibulous director was drowning in cash-flow problems. One spent the first 20 minutes groping for a likely connection between them.**

TELEVISION

Was Cheryl Campbell's son — seen improving his own cash-flow from the till of her tuck-shop — a devotee of the Portfolio competition (Industrials L-R)? Was the Kenneth Cranham character a pederast with an unsuspected musical bent? Just when one had attributed the mystery to gremlins in the editing suite, the latter turned up as the boy's real father, and Alick Rowe's drama sprang into useful focus.

With the thrustful, boiled face of a business colleague who has drunk himself to sleep in too many three-star hotels, Mr Cranham is exceptionally well cast as the rough Diagem whose already dubious charm is beginning to give at the seams. His overacting compensates for a rather lightweight script, and John Gorrie's brisk, clean-cut direction keeps the thing moving.

Such a figure would be out on his ear in the land of the rising robot. In *Japan — Behind the Mask* (Central), John Pilger endeavoured to debunk our received ideas about the technological wonderland so glibly held up for admiration to slacking management and striking workers alike.

This was not, one could but feel, a very tall order. Japan is not a consensus society; effective free speech is limited to parroting the company line; the reason that the élite workers accept all this is because they are so frightened of the alternative. Where the report succeeded was in demonstrating to what extent the manufacturing giants depend on piece-rate sub-contracting outside the robot economy. The rest of the down-side — the unemployment, pollution, suicide-rate and gangsterism — served only to *show* that the Emperor's wardrobe is by no means free of stains, and was welcome only in the sense that, say, photographs of weeds in the Highbury turf might adumbrate something less than invincibility at Arsenal FC.

**Martin Cropper**

ROCK

### The Human League
### Hammersmith Odeon

There must be millions of teenage girls who can sing and dance as well as Joanne Catherall and Susan Sulley of The Human League; and yet the very fact that Phil Oakey recruited the pair as vocalists for his group in 1980, having only seen them dance in a Sheffield disco, renders criticism of their technical shortcomings rather superfluous.

Indeed it is one of the group's strengths that, as a stage act, they have never aspired to the norms of rock band behaviour, whether in terms of inspiration, expertise or presentation, and have thus maintained an overriding sense of ingenuous individual purpose which has enabled them to eschew the old bump and grind routine that swiftly bogs down even relatively new acts like Frankie Goes to Hollywood.

Instead, at Hammersmith, The Human League set out their songs on a skeletal framework of single-note synthesizer lines and catchy, nagging electronic drum patterns, and capitalized with melodies of inescapable charm and lyrics of perceptive narrative wit. Although heavily made up and wearing a pair of provocatively tight white trousers, Oakey performed with a modest grace, roaming the stage with a studious air of pained concentration.

The loss of the slide-show since they last toured Britain four years ago was compensated for by many additional hits like "Mirror Man", "Fascination", "The Lebanon" and "Human" which, together with older staples like "Love Action" and the enormously successful "Don't You Want Me", made the new show something of a chart singles extravaganza.

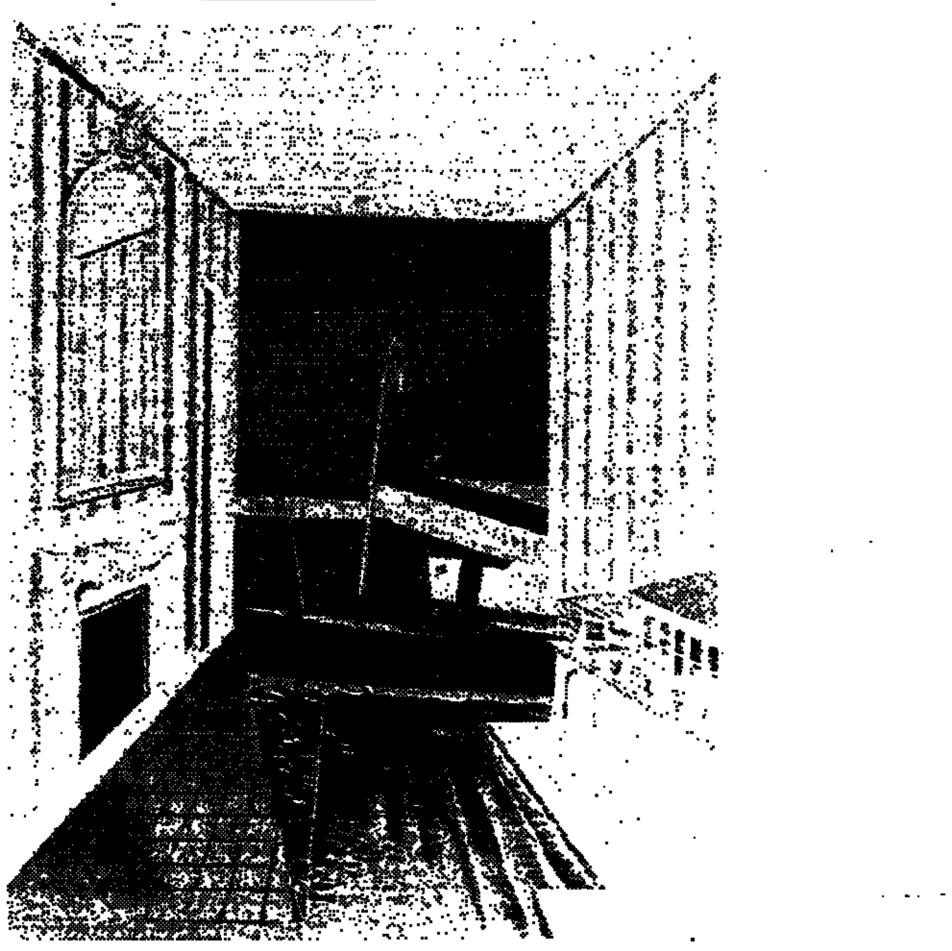
Yet the lack of bravura lent a valuable frisson of unpredictability which was compounded by one or two unexpected inclusions, and "Seconds", a barrage of hypnotic drum patterns, with a chorus repeated by Oakey like a nervous tic, exemplified the flashes of intuitive excellence that illuminated an intriguing performance.

**David Sinclair**

## A modest sort of modernity

GALLERIES

### John Russell Taylor reviews the major exhibition of *British Art in the Twentieth Century* which opens at the Royal Academy tomorrow



**The great British unclassifiables: Stanley Spencer in his "Neue Sachlichkeit" disguise in *The Two Sisters* (c. 1940); and (far right) Paul Nash perfectly capturing the Surrealist moment in *Harbour and Room* (1932-36)**

There is a view of art history, generally called Hegelian, which is very hot on relevance. Everything of any importance derives its importance largely from the fact that it led to something else; "dead ends" cannot be important, and have to be ruthlessly ignored; and of course what the past leads to, and must be seen to lead to, is the present — preferably a glorious as well as a logical climax to all that has gone before. Hegel seems to be the presiding genius of the Royal Academy's major new show *British Art in the Twentieth Century*, which opens tomorrow and runs until April 5, and his way of thinking, though it makes for superficial coherence, is not really the best possible guide through the tangled garden of British art in the last 80-odd years.

The show is subtitled "The Modern Movement", which raises a number of awkward questions. Modern from what point of view? Is "Modern" used as an historical term, covering, like "Art Nouveau", a certain now dated approach to art which we can examine from the safe distance of our own "Post-Modern" period? The show's organizers stoutly deny that this is so. But at the same time they firmly place the terminal date at 1980, and Norman Rosenthal says that indeed it might really be 1970.

This means that the perspective in which they see earlier art as leading inexorably up to their terminal date must necessarily be rather different from that in which, even following their chosen "organic" view, we would see it as a preparation for the mid-Eighties. And this happens to be a radical difference, since the present decade has seen a very marked revival in British painting — as opposed to the various sorts of conceptual and minimal art so fashionable in the Seventies — and, within painting, a return to representation, whether expressionist, surrealistic, realistic or even photo-realistic.

Of course it is possible to see this as a betrayal of Modernism and craven retreat. But nevertheless it has happened, and we cannot but take the fact on board: as Dali (of all people) said, "The one thing we cannot help being, however hard we try, is modern". If we go to the Academy looking for the tradition in which most current art may be placed, we will come away disappointed, since the latest art shown is nearly all of such established Rosenthal favourites (included in either *A New Spirit in Painting* or *Zeitgeist* or both) as Bruce McLean, Malcolm Morley, Barry Flanagan and Gilbert & George.

Not only does this make the show end with a whimper instead of the hoped-for (and perfectly possible) bang, but it means that many painters who might now seem relevant, such as Gerald Brockhurst, Meredith Frampton, James Cowie, virtually all the British Surrealists and Neo-Romantics and the whole of the "Kitchen Sink" school of the Fifties, are completely ignored. Even Lowry does not get a look-in.

True, to reduce the proposed subject to manageable proportions, some pretty drastic selection is required, and no doubt the criteria of admission are as reasonable as any other.

One can continue to niggle at individual choices: why, for example, include Gwen John (a fascinating backwater artist) but ignore Augustus, who is surely a flawed but infinitely suggestive major artist? (Possibly a bow to feminist criticism, or possibly capitulation to a major artist of our own time who, rumour has it, refused to be included unless Gwen John was too.) Is there something sinister about the way Scottish art is almost completely ignored, from the Scottish Colourists (of whom Fergusson at least was vitally involved, through *Rhythm* magazine and its circle, with the whole concept of Modernism), through such great individual figures as James Cowie, William Johnstone, Joan Eardley, Robert Colquhoun and John Bellany, who among them must represent just about every vital tendency in the painting of the century, and do it with distinction equal to that of most actually included.

But never mind what is left out. What is put in? Here the show is on much firmer ground. Even if we are dubious about the reasoning by which they are included, we cannot but be happy to see such great British unclassifiables as Stanley Spencer, Paul Nash, Edward Burra and David Bomberg so well represented. Burra and Nash stand in for the Surrealists (rather as Sutherland does for the Neo-Romantics), and do so reasonably well — Nash's *Harbour and Room*, for instance, captures the Surrealist moment perfectly — but more importantly they are there on their own recognizances.

Bomberg is an important link between the Vorticists of his youth and the postwar generations of artists that he taught, and it is pleasing to see that the Bombergs shown are either early Vorticist works or the wonderful later landscapes, ignoring the rather awkward figure compositions of his middle period which have been oversold of late. Spencer is, well, Spencer, whether he is there in his Neue Sachlichkeit disguise (*The Two Sisters*, c.1940) or looking like Lucien Freud's father (*Self-Portrait with Patricia Preece*), or weaving his own apocalyptic/domestic fantasies.

For the rest, it must be said that Bloomsbury and the Vorticists look good (brownie-points for putting in Nevinson, after his spectacular showing at the *Futurismo e Futurismi* show in Venice last year), the Euston Road group look a little faint and faded (apart from one wonderful Pasmore), the Fifties lyrical abstractionists from Cornwall — Hilton, Lanyon, Heron *et al* — could have been more advantageously selected, and the burst of activity in the early Sixties which brought us Hockney, Kitaj, Caulfield and others still makes an exciting interlude in the general downward slide the show seems otherwise bent on exhibiting.

It is also good that major works of sculpture are exhibited among the paintings. Epstein comes over particularly well, one of his least-seen major carvings, *Jacob and the Angel* of 1940, being the first thing that hits you as you enter, right under the rotunda; but the early Moore carvings are very memorable and some Eric Gills, rather skittishly thrown in, fit a lot better than one might expect. And Sickert, quite rightly, is where the show starts and still present at the end.

All one needs to remember is that this is simply *a* view of 20th-century British art; *the* definitive view it could never hope to be, and even the diverting spectacle of the Royal Academy giving, retrospectively, its imprimatur only to those things which, of necessity, happened outside its walls cannot make it so.

## Rare gift for the piano

CONCERT

### Ian Brown
### Wigmore Hall

Two or three works from the as-yet limited output of Simon Holt have been given their premières by the Nash Ensemble. It is something of a natural consequence, then, that the Nash's resident pianist, Ian Brown, should commission Holt's latest piece for his instrument, *Tauromaquia*.

The composer has every reason to feel gratitude for that act, and there is absolutely no doubt that he would have been delighted by the performance Brown gave of the work in his ambitious recital on Monday evening.

The piece takes its title, which apparently means "The Art of Bullfighting", from Goya's series of etchings, themselves inspired by a book of the same name by the bullfighter José Delgado, otherwise known as Pepe Illo. Consequently one expects something dramatic but, even so, what Holt has written is a veritable eruption of a piece that bears all the hallmarks of a composer who knows what he has to say and knows exactly how to say it.

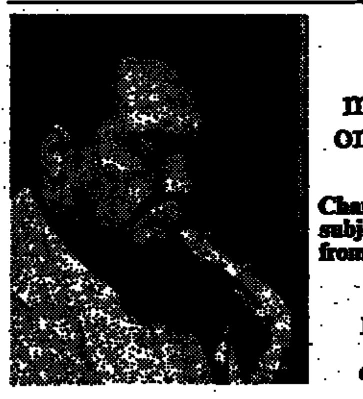
The music states its intention firmly at the outset, where jagged chords are obsessively repeated, vaguely recalling Messiaen. And throughout the piece the sequence persistently returns, just as in life particularly vivid dramatic incidents haunt the mind.

But, while Holt scintillatingly conveys a distinctly Latin-flavoured heroism, he does not forget to punctuate the cut and thrust of the contest with calmer things, in the form of some eloquently turned quieter music. Moreover, one has rarely encountered such resourceful use of the piano's sonic capabilities in a new work. Though the piece is unarguably violent, Holt shows that he has a finely-tuned ear for the subtleties of resonating strings; he is no mere brutalist.

Brown boldly placed the piece between two works that would have overshadowed many a lesser talent, Debussy's *Images*, Book I, and Beethoven's "Hammerklavier" Sonata. The Debussy proved an apt vehicle for the rather soft-edged touch he had earlier shown in the two Brahms Rhapsodies, Op 79, and certainly he had at ready command all the poetic sensibility it needed. And in the end he demonstrated that he had the requisite courage and stamina for the Beethoven.

**Stephen Pettitt**

### Paul Griffiths delves into a massive new work on American music



**Charlie Parker: now the subject even of a dissertation from a German university**

**Elliott Carter: his work-list brought up to date with commendable thoroughness**

## The growing vernacular

I gather the term "spin-off" is treated in the Macmillan offices with a delicate disdain, and so perhaps the latest child of Grove, *The New Grove Dictionary of American Music*, could be called the biggest of the spinneys. Certainly it has spun furthest. It began from the idea that a useful volume could be made from the articles in *The New Grove* concerning music in the United States (for that is what American music means here: there is no article between "Bray" and "Brazos Valley Boys", or between "Niblock" and "Nicholl" come to that). But, in the way of these things, the baby grew, and what we have is a set of four volumes containing a very great deal that is new.

The opportunity has been taken to include composers who slipped through the original Grove net, like John Harbison, or composers whose reputation is more recent, like John Adams. Some articles, like that on Milton Babbitt, have usefully been expanded, and work-lists have been brought up to date with commendable thoroughness: Carter's, for instance, includes full details of works that had their first performances only a year before the dictionary's publication.

Much the biggest growth area, however, has been that of vernacular music in all its forms, bringing new articles on "Methodist Church, music of the", on "Break dancing", on "Joy of Cooking" and on "Juba", on "Patriotic music" and on "Political music", and on a vast number of other manifestations of a willingness to make tunes for anyone from God to Richard Nixon.

Jazz seems to have benefited particularly from the increase on this front, in testimony to a comparatively new and energetic academic industry (the bibliography for Charlie Parker even includes a dissertation from a German university: the civilizers are at the gates). The articles on Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins and many others are now embellished with music quotations, which are denied even to Charles Ives and Roy Harris. Rock, too, has boomed, though I should imagine that some of the singers and groups here will look curious immortals in a few years' time.

With so much in these fields, there are times as one skims these pages when conventional art music seems the fringe activity. For instance, among the Jacksons, to take a surname at random, there are a folk-singer, a gospel-singer and a soul-singer, two merely popular singers, a jazz vibraphonist and a ragtime pianist, but only a brace of 19th-century church musicians to represent the higher slopes of Parnassus.

Other new sources of joy and fascination are the Indian tribes, again often illustrated with music examples, and with photographs of instruments and dances (though the standard of the plates generally is poor). Which reminds me of the Tlingit of Alaska, whose ceremonial songs "are led by song leaders who guide the singing and dancing by means of long poles or paddles . . . songs are carefully rehearsed as mistakes are costly".

Those who write dictionary-entries can proceed with less fear, though I wish I had a long pole or paddle to bat at the author of the jejune article on Anthony Philip Heinrich, whose works, we are told, "exemplify the Romantic view of art as self-expression". And yet there is a certain justice in such an utterly naïve level of critical discourse being brought to bear on the Beethoven of Kentucky, the author of "A Concerto for the Kent Bugle", of the "sinfonia erotica fantachia" *The Indian Carnival*, and of *The Treaty of William Penn with the Indians*: this last, inevitably, a concerto grosso.

In truth, too, complaints can only be few. The representation of composers under 35 is meagre; but perhaps discretion here was justified when American colleges and conservatories are producing so many aspirants to Heinrich's mantle. And one would not want to be without the broader thematic articles covering some European subjects with an American accent ("Orchestral music", "Tuning systems") as well as others that could only be American.

There are still some curious choices: nothing is offered on the philosophy of music, for instance, but its philately is well documented. Nevertheless, the range of material provides unexpected delights for the browser, besides proving not only the continental size and diversity of American music but also the assiduity of American musicology.

● *The New Grove Dictionary of American Music*, edited by Stanley Sadie, is published by Macmillan in four volumes at £395.

**Turner: "It's the first film that has really just been mine"**

## A star built on confidence

### *Peggy Sue Got Married*, which has just opened in Britain, is proving a splendid vehicle for **Kathleen Turner**: interview by Joan Goodman

Kathleen Turner is certainly not lacking in confidence. "I'm smart, I'm strong, I'm loud and I'm earthy", says the actress who has turned Francis Coppola's *Peggy Sue Got Married*, now running in London, into a personal triumph. "If that translates as sexy on screen, so be it. I won't fight it. I know I'm not supposed to say these things but you have to have some level of confidence if you want to build a body of work you can stand on."

In a relatively short period she has done a striking variety of roles. Her first film, released in 1981, was *Body Heat*, in which she played a steamy temptress who manipulates a thoroughly beguiled William Hurt. Next, she went the other way and sent herself up as Steve Martin's adulterous wife in *The Man with Two Brains*. Then, in quick succession, she played a part-time hooker (*Crimes of Passion*), an adventure-prone novelist (*Romancing the Stone* and *Jewel of the Nile*) and a super-cool hit-woman (*Prizzi's Honor*). With *Peggy Sue Got Married* she emerges as a superstar in her own right. In Hollywood she is as much envied for her shrewd career moves as she is admired for her acting talent.

Turner, with her long blonde hair and potent blue eyes, combines the look of a Forties *femme fatale* with the independence of a modern woman. "I love all the women I've played", she says, "but *Peggy Sue* is the first film that has really just been mine. I don't co-star with an equal partner. I wanted to be very sure that it would work. I knew my relationship with Coppola was going to be very important so I flew out to Los Angeles to meet him. Within 15 minutes we were singing together. I knew it would be fine."

*Peggy Sue* had a troubled history. The film's original director, Jonathan Demme, left the project and was replaced by the actress and first-time director Penny Marshall. She too left the film and took with her its original star, Debra Winger (*An Officer and a Gentleman*). When Coppola took over, Winger returned briefly, then suffered a back injury. That, at least, is the official story. The rumour is that the studio wanted assurances that the film would be finished on time. "Coppola ran over on *The Cotton Club*, and Winger is difficult", said a studio executive. "Turner is a real trouper and a good sport besides being a fine actress, so we decided to go with her."

The film is about a 42-year-old woman, unhappy and in the midst of a divorce from her childhood sweetheart. She goes to her twenty-fifth high school reunion and, after fainting, finds herself back in time to when she was 18, with the chance to remake some of the decisions she made then. "I thought it generated a kind of universal tenderness that people really could connect to", says Turner. Playing 18, she adds, was not difficult. "It was not a question of make-up", says the 32-year-old actress. "We did take away all the shading from the face, made it a little rounder and a little fuller, which when I was 18 was certainly true. But it wasn't so much the way she looked as the lack of experience, the hesitation, the lack of history that make her seem youthful."

Replacing Debra Winger as she did, Turner had barely two weeks to prepare for the film. "I didn't have quite enough time to sit back and think on it as I would have liked. But I'm a very good judge of scripts, as to what I can make work and what I have difficulty with.

Part of the appeal of *Peggy Sue* for Turner was her own lack of experience as an American teenager. Her father was a career diplomat and she had lived in four countries — Cuba, Canada, Venezuela and finally England, where she went to senior school — by the time she was 17. "We were very sophisticated and didn't go in for things like proms or cheer-leading", she recalls. "So I wanted to portray Peggy Sue as what I might have been like had I lived in the United States, and I had friends for life and lived in the same town always."

Another appeal of the film was working with Coppola. "Francis is very knowledgeable about acting. He sees everything you do. If you make a change or place a different emphasis on a word, he'll go 'ah'. It's a wonderful feeling, that level of attention. For actors, Francis is one of the best directors because he is interested in them. Some directors are only interested in what the camera sees."

Turner nevertheless had a hard time adjusting to Coppola's way of working. "Francis found us an empty soundstage in downtown LA and we rehearsed the film like a play. At first, I was impatient. We were doing exercises I hadn't done since acting school. I though I needed more time, to get into the role rather than to learn to work with the other characters. In fact, though, just through improvement, we found a lot of the relationships and the rhythms. By the time we started filming, we felt quite comfortable with each other."

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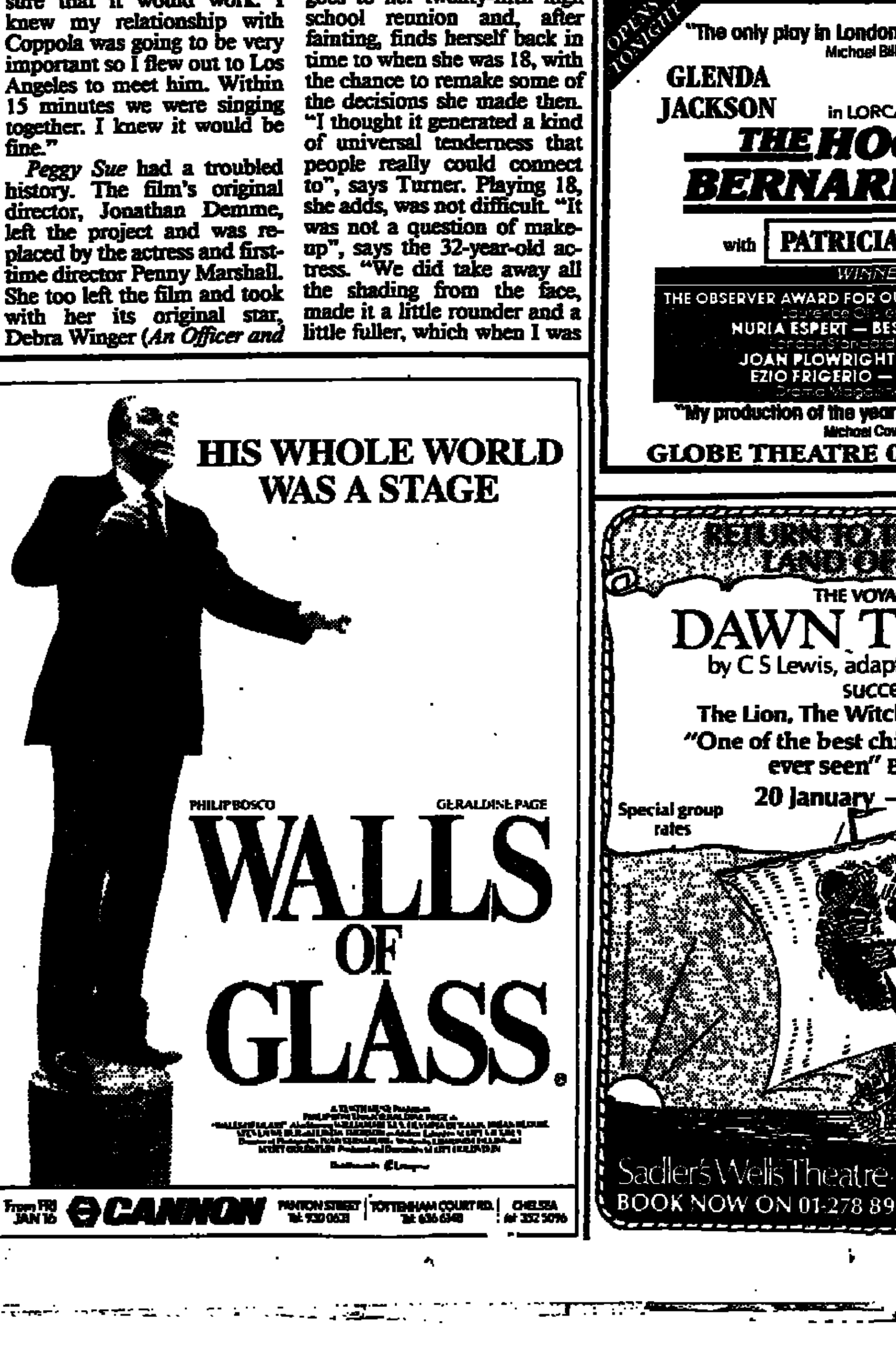

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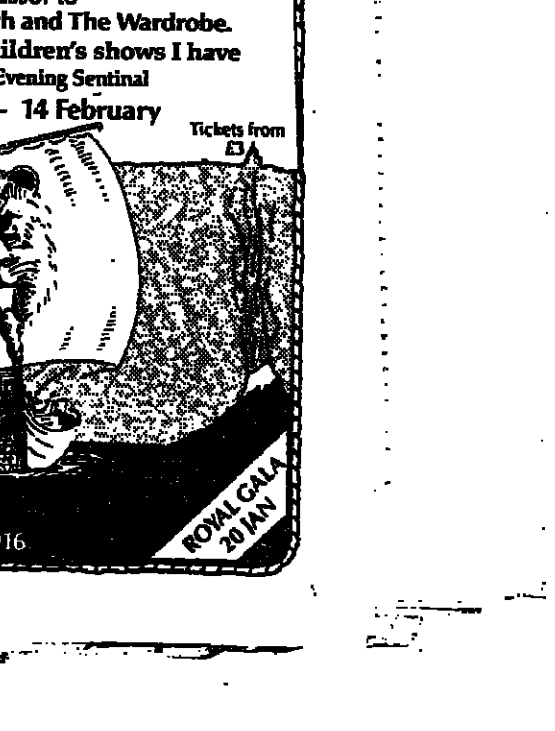

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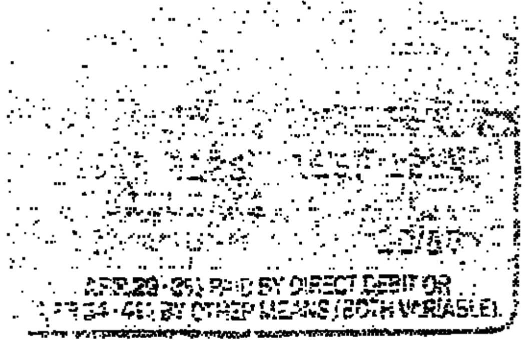

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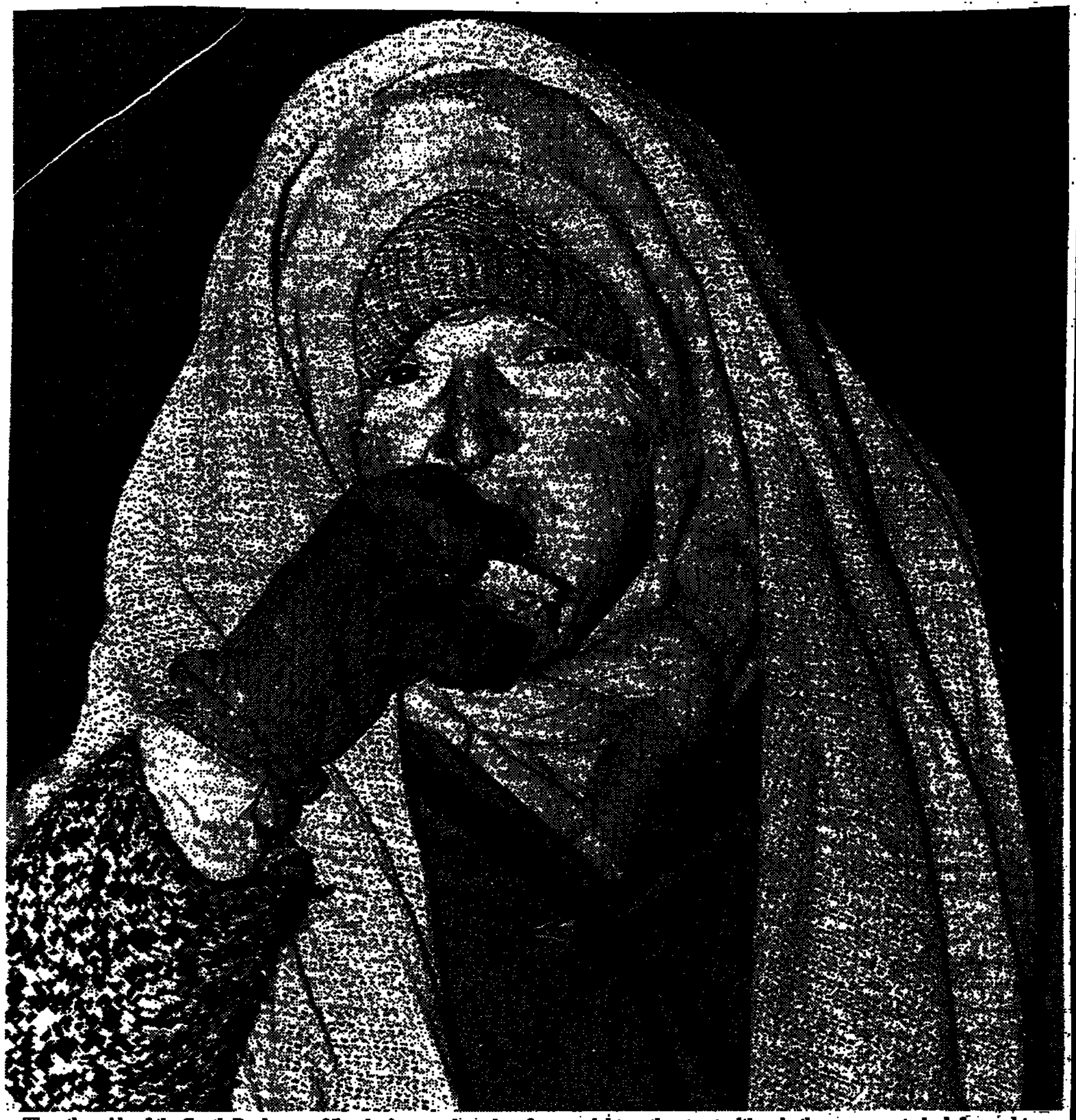
### Who's out on the streets on the coldest night of the year? Two tales of the city

# Down and out of sight . . .

**Midnight: South Bank.** A roll, a cup of soup and a cardboard box. . . cold comfort for thousands of the capital's homeless citizens. Alan Franks reports on the shame of London


Alan Weller

The other side of the South Bank: one of London's many homeless faces a night on the street with only the soup van to look forward to...

On the coldest January night in half a century, the young man from the *St Mungo Community* took off his trousers beneath a railway arch at Waterloo and handed them to a tramp who was at the time burning his own pair on an open fire. It was just past 10pm, and the slowly incinerating garment represented the old man's last hope of fuel on an evening when the temperature had dropped to eight degrees below zero and a Siberian wind was scything its way across the Thames.

The only light aspect of the episode – described with something between despair and irony by the St Mungo man as "the ultimate act of Christian charity" – was that he himself was wearing another pair underneath, and that anyway the top pair had been donated for the use of down-and-outs at the West End hostel where he works.

The trouser-burner was one of three freezing figures of indeterminate age, huddled around their fading embers like something straight from Hogarth. One arch to the north, in the Hole in the Wall pub, middle-class commuters, sundered from Surrey by frozen points, also loitered, but in fur hats and thermal wellies, oblivious as ever to the scene on the other side of the brickwork.

Some people seem to think that homelessness and destitution have all but gone away, like smog, or tuberculosis, or 20 per cent inflation. You do not have to spend long on London's Other South Bank during such a night to know that not only is this a false appraisal, but also that the age profile of such people ("tramps" has to suffice as a generic term) is getting younger.

There is still a community of just over 100, mostly male and of every age from the teens upward, and still virtually unknown to the commuter and concert-goer, which has carved out a sort of accommodation in the concrete cavern beneath the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Rooms. On one side, in the angle beneath the floor and the inward-leaning buttresses, they have assembled a row of screens, made up mainly of boarding and mattresses which provide them with tiny triangular cells, like a room in the edge of an attic.

One occupant of these is a man in his late fifties, an ex-building worker from Durham. He is divorced, with four grown-up children, and this is what he says of the place: "It's private. It's clean. You don't get any bother from the police. They let us live here quietly. They don't clear us out or move us on. And the cleaners from the concert halls, they're all right too. We get to know some of them quite well. Oh, but there's thieves about, you know. Filthy thieves. That's something I can't stick – taking other people's property. If you want to know about down here, you ask Clive. He's the guv'nor."

Clive has lived here for four years. Before that he spent three years at one of the other well-known "down-and-out colonies" at Lincolns Inn Fields, and before that he was in the army for 12 years. He is a quiet, well-mannered man who explains, without apparent rancour: "Obviously we can't afford houses or flats. Personally, I don't want anything to do with hostels. For a start, they cost far more than you can afford on £29.40 a week; and then there's all the rules and regulations. You can't do this and you can't do that, and you've got to be in by such and such a time. It's not for me."

Just beyond the end of this "terrace" is a pair of detached shanties which might for all the world have been taken from the slum outskirts of a Latin American city. These are at present lived in by several young men in their late teens and early twenties. One of them explains: "We try and get work during the days. No way we're down-and-outs. We do work in the hotels, or on the building sites, mostly. We just can't afford anything else, it's as simple as that. We came down to London hoping to find somewhere to live, but the places don't exist."

It is the cold, not the discomort, that is the most remorseless enemy on nights like this. By 11pm, across the way the three men under the railway arch have managed somehow to get hold of a British rail baggage-truck with high meshed sides, across which they have draped two blankets, and the contraption makes a rough sort of windbreak.

At about this time of night, the soup vans make their rounds. They are run mainly by the Salvation Army or an organization called Bondway Night Shelter, and arrive at the four main sites in Central London like warm yellow oblongs of solace. Sometimes, in their wake, come the stragglers from north of the river, grown-up Oliver Twists asking for more.

Even in the view of those working in the field, it is impossible make an accurate estimate of the number of people living their lives in these conditions. Six years ago a joint study carried out by the London Boroughs Association and the Greater London Council put the figure at 5,000. Some workers at the St Mungo Community now reckon that the number has doubled.

Three main reasons are cited: first, the spiralling costs of freehold properties, and the increasing scarcity of rented premises, both of which have put considerable strains on housing associations and charitable organizations; second, the closure of large-scale hostels like the Rowton Houses and the shift by the National Health Service away from residential care for psychiatric patients; and third, the effects of the 1985 legislation which decreed that accommodation costs for the homeless below the age of 26 would not be borne by the Department of Health and Social Security in any given area for longer than eight weeks.

But there are other factors. Mick Carroll, director of the St Mungo hostel at Endell Street, off Shaftsbury Avenue, puts it like this: "What makes it all so difficult is that in many cases sleeping out is people's way of telling society that they don't want to come back into it. Them being out there on the pavements is a statement in itself. Some won't even sign on, for the same reasons. They would rather sleep rough and support themselves from casual labour like washing up in restaurants than queue up at the DHSS."

It is a theme echoed by the director of the St Mungo Community Housing Association, John Lane: "Many of the people we are dealing with feel, and they may be right, that they have been made to suffer as a direct result of the way in which society is organized. The last thing they want to do is go and sit for hours at one of the DHSS offices in a cold room, being served by people who themselves have a grudge against their own employer. The other thing you have to bear in mind is that, partly because of industrial action during the past year, and partly because of chronic understaffing, some of these DHSS offices have only been open for an hour or two per day."

None the less, when a Social Security Giro cheque is collected by one of the members of the cardboard community beneath the railway bridge at Embankment, perhaps the most beleaguered and depressing one of all, the occasion is treated like Christmas, and there are drinks all round.

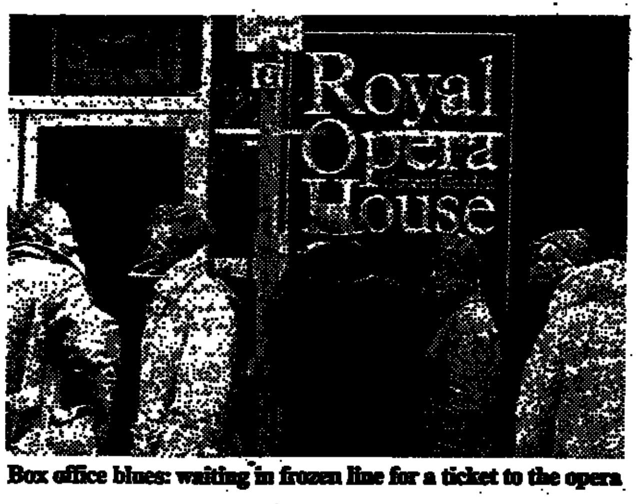
Mick Carroll reckons that castigating the present government is too glib a response, particularly since it was Labour's laws which depleted the stock of cheap rented housing. Neither he nor his colleagues claim that society will ever be free of a diaspora of casualties littering the pavements of an ice-bound capital at four in the morning. Rather, they point to the alarming ease with which anyone can fall down the bagatelle board of society and finish up beneath the arches, whether for reasons of family rejection, depression, alcohol, mental illness, or, paradoxically, pride.

By seven o'clock yesterday morning, every carton and blanket and sleeping bag and newspaper and beercan and person had been removed from the Embankment, with only the chalk scrawls on the wall – "Flat 7, Andy's. . . Flat 8, Paul's" – to remind you that it is a place of human habitation. The only certain thing about the problem is that they will all be back again tonight.

# . . . queues of distinction

**4am: Covent Garden**

Peter Brown meets the smart set in search of a ticket


Box office blues: waiting in frozen line for a ticket to the opera

Along the side wall of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, three plastic bags huddled in a doorway as the snow swept down Floral Street. The plastic bag on the left spoke up: "Were you thinking of spending the night? Please take a ticket and give me your name. It will save unpleasantness in the morning."

Sadly her tickets were not those for last night's premier of *Otello* – the opera of the film – a new production with Placido Domingo and his co-stars. They were raffle tickets, designed to prevent queue-jumping.

Not only first in the line, but holder of the ticket-book, the plastic bag was a veteran queuer. She had started at midday on Monday. Any tips? "You will need coffee and a lot of patience," she said firmly.

Across the road the box office lights had dimmed but the words in the window were still discernible – "65 rear amphitheatre seats are available to personal applicants on the day of performance . . . a limit of one per applicant will be made." For this production, sold out, indeed over-subscribed 10 times, these on-the-day tickets represented the only hope for opera-lovers disappointed in the ballot. About 25 of us, clad in plastic sheets and moonboots, were prepared to face the January night *al fresco* for the privilege.

The couple in the next doorway were settling down, having placed their trust in foam rubber, bin bags and balaclavas. He wore a black face mask – terrorist chic. She had the old school's cadet corps uniform and a Bud Flanagan coat. We fell to discussing the implications of the raffle ticket system. "I suppose," said the terrorist, "that if 65 utter yobs turned up tomorrow morning we could all gang up on them. I can be very aggressive, if pushed."

Somehow it didn't seem likely, and as the last customers left the Happy Wok Restaurant opposite, the street people struggled into their sleeping bags and attempted to sleep. The assembled company looked very like something the Opera House had left out for the dustman.

Any one who has not spent a winter's night in the open can have little idea of the depth the cold can penetrate, the cracks the damp can infiltrate. Sleep for most proved impossible. Some, like many before them, took to the bottle. Corks popped, and time was whiled away in friendly conversation – "Strangely, I had rarely admired Ricciarelli until I heard her in the film" – or in directing the odd newcomer to the First Plastic Bag for a ticket.

At 4am, in the doorway to the left, Andy Botham – "No relation or I wouldn't be standing in this ruddy queue" – aged 19, from Matlock, Derbyshire, shivered in his yellow oilskins. Was he an opera-lover? "No fear. A lady's paying me £25 to do this. I've not done it before and I'm never ruddy doing it again."

Down the line, towards Bow Street, 11-year-old Maya complained of cold feet. "It was her idea to do this," her mother said. "She loves opera and Placido is her hero. Her sister's into Madonna, but there you are."

Slowly the queue lengthened. In the middle of the road Neil Armstrong lookalikes shuffled around in the flurrying snow. Occasionally, a little ballet enlivened the scene as someone warmed frozen feet (the knack is to keep them off the ground). But there was bitterness in the air and it came from the Friends of Covent Garden.

"It's not good enough," said Mrs Joyce Hanson. "You pay £21 a year for priority treatment and what do you get? Nothing. They have one big production like this and everyone's ticket goes into the ballot. *Everyone's.*

"I know people," she said, confidentially, "who aren't Friends. But they've had tickets." Surely not? But yes – "I've written to the director, but he never replies."

When *Otello* was first performed in Milan a hundred years ago, the composer took twenty curtain calls and his carriage was pulled to his hotel by admirers. "Verdi, Verdi," they are reported to have shouted, until 5am. Then, presumably, they gave up.

In Floral Street we were made of sterner stuff. We lasted it out, all of us, until 10am, when the most civilized collection of dossers in London received their reward at the box office – and not a hint of shoving or queue-jumping, though touts were reported to be asking £200 for a £7.50 ticket. The First Plastic Bag had trained us well.

# Loyal to old wheels

Elvis may have ridden a Honda, but the Norton motorcycle is revving up again

Sandy Barrie was 16 when the Japanese invasion began. The year was 1966, and the Japanese motorcycle industry was tearing its way through the British market. Elvis Presley was riding a Honda in *Roustabout* as thousands of British youths started to desert the great British names in motorcycles for Suzuki and Honda. But not Sandy, a member of the Norton Owners Club who bought a Norton Dominator, drove it to death, and went on to a Commando 850. But by the time he was in his twenties the British motorcycle trade was crumbling into liquidation, and he too was forced to go Japanese.

"That was the worst day of my life," says Sandy. "The withdrawal symptoms were horrendous."

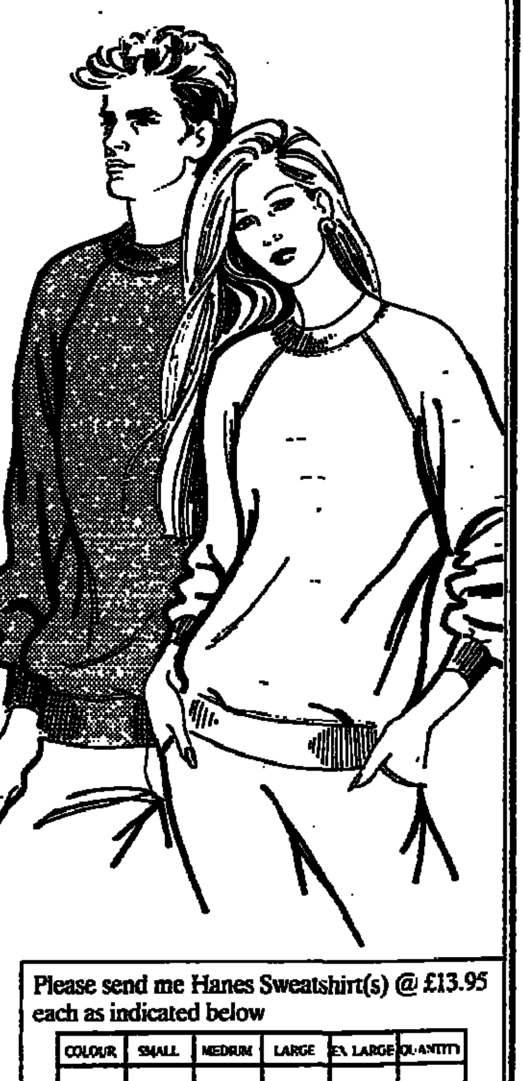
He has since bought another, second-hand, Commando. Today there are still thousands like Sandy who would not swap a second-hand Commando for a brand new Suzuki.

Norton Villiers Triumph was formed in 1973; but Japanese competition proved too strong. When its shareholders decided to go into voluntary liquidation last year, its largest subsidiary, Birmingham Small Arms, sold Norton Motors and the rights and trademarks of famous British motorcycle names. Yesterday the Norton Villiers Triumph Group PLC announced that they were back in the bike business, having bought all the names and rights to Norton motors – including the Shenstone plant in Staffordshire, which was set up in 1978 to develop a new rotary engine. NVT will be producing the first civilian motorbike to be powered by the new engine; for the past three years they have made a motorcycle with a rotary engine for the British police: the Interpol 2. Its competitor is a BMW. However, according to Constable Dighton, of Thames Valley Police, the Interpol 2 "handles better, rides smoother and is better designed for the job."

But motorcycle sales in the United Kingdom continue to fall each year: over 300,000 in the 1950s, just over 100,000 today. Philippe Le Roux, Managing Director of the new NVT group, is quick to point out that he has no intention of competing with the Japanese for a dwindling motorcycle market. "We will be producing a bike with the most advanced technology in the world – a dream machine." But do things which dreams are made of work? Lord Hesketh lost £1 million in Formula One racing, went on to lose another million in an attempt to recreate the British motorcycle industry. But Philippe Le Roux says "Lord Hesketh's venture into motorcycles was completely new – the risks were enormous. However we have already developed our technology."

Surprisingly enough Lord Hesketh agrees, "The rotary engine is very light and quick and is ideal for 'superbike sales'. If they get the break they're looking for, it should go very well."

**Roland Rudd**



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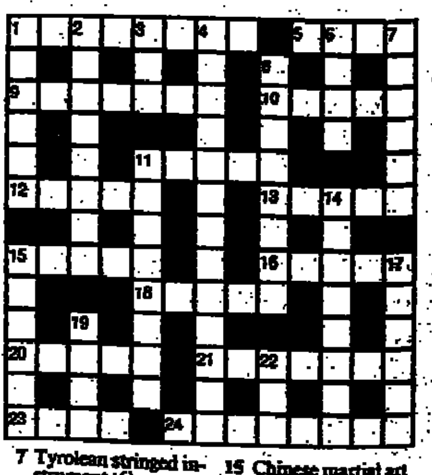

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# The growing pains of a four-year-old

### THE THREE AGES OF CHILDHOOD

### Part 2: Toddlers

### When the fat turns lean and the eyes widen with unspoken questions, we know a baby has become a toddler. Libby Purves on the fun and bewilderment of an infant world ripe for new discoveries

I have sometimes thought, lately, that there is a magically protective quality in fat legs. A baby or toddler has a cheerful, roundish, uncompromising sort of shape: solid chubby legs seem to go well with an opinionated and practical outlook on life. A toddler's jokes are uproarious, his wishes imperious, his temper uncontrollable and his actions — as far as he is concerned — totally without consequences. Someone will mop it up. Someone will mend it. We shall buy anuzzer one, Mummy.

Then the child changes shape: everything grows lengthways and slims down. Fat legs turn into long spindly ones, the protruding tummy develops graceful hollows, and suddenly your ex-baby has begun to turn large, worried, wondering eyes on the rest of the universe. Why is it raining? Will the mouse never come alive again if Tibby bites it dead? Will I go to prison if I say a rude word?

When I wrote *How Not to be a Perfect Mother* (Fontana, £2.95), I firmly announced a cut-off point at the age of about three-and-a-half, as I had never seen the sense of baby books which try to cover 0-5 in one volume. Early on, the common qualities between children outweight the differences; *all* six-month-old babies grab the spoon when you try to feed them, *all* new walkers pull things off tables on to their heads. There are plenty of useful generalizations you can make about babies and toddlers. After four years, though, children stand apart, each on a private platform of heredity, chance and conditioning. They begin to show clues as to what they are: intellectual, athlete, socialite, engineer. They are no longer big babies.

When the fat legs vanish, the newly spindly child seems to take on vast new abilities and concerns. Some are purely pleasurable — pedalling bikes, swinging by your arms, drawing recognizable pictures, choosing friends, finishing a building properly instead of getting bored halfway through like a toddler. The sheer competence of a four-year-old is a marvel to most parents. The sort of father who has been wary of nappies and tantrums suddenly becomes eager to take his four-year-old out for a day's adventures; a mother with younger babies revels in having a clever, independent little runner of errands.

When at last the day comes to stand at the school gates and watch her child marching into a new world, she may be proud, but is certainly, for a while, lonely.

But growing up is tough. This four-year-old stage is almost like a rehearsal for adolesence, inasmuch as the child is grasping all sorts of concepts and adult truths which rock the foundations of his small world. Death, for instance: you can comfortably tell a two-year-old that Grandad has gone to Heaven; a couple of years later the same event strikes him with a new and awful significance because he understands it more fully. Even if you use the idea of Heaven to soften the blow, you have to admit that people don't come back from it. Ever. This has so appalled my son that even the bang-bang-you're-dead games get modified in our house. "I'll shoot yer dead, Rose," he says to his sister. "But not dead to Heaven. Just bang dead."

Smaller matters than death cause upsets too. For months we were driven crazy by the droning repetition of: "I want one of my own". We could no longer go, as we had six months earlier, to a Steam Fair or a railway museum and share the uncomplicated joys of looking at the machines. Our two-year-old daughter happily waves goodbye at the end of a day's treat; her anxious brother nags all the way home for a steam locomotive "of my own", a private cinema, or a real traction engine to keep in his bedroom. He sometimes gets quite aggressive about it. Our irritaion is only held in check by the theory that he is trying to express a sort of shock and fear at having realized the temporariness of things; that treats and visits come to an end, earth's comforts flee and pleasures pass away.

After babyhood: now aged four, full of fun, before starting school

The baby lives blithely for the moment; the child learns to bear a burden of unfulfilled or delayed longings. Time is long, the world is wide; on a good day the four-year-old is delighted with the idea. Stories about when Mummy was little, or countries far away, or what he can do when he is a man, all get a raptly attentive audience. On a bad day, he wants the world to be small and cosy again.

All parents seem to get patches when their child clings desperately to home at all costs, and refuses point-blank to go to the playgroup where he has been perfectly happy for a year. He prefers the boredom of sitting on the floor beside a furiously busy Mummy. He doesn't want to do big brave grown-up things or have new books read. He wants to sit on a knee and have the 10,000th reading of *Polly Pig and the Bee* (my least favourite children's book of all time). Social life is eagerly sought — all the baby books stress in a Pollyanna-ish way how much pre-school children enjoy playing with one another — but I have observed that some time shortly after tea, my son and all his contemporaries become exhausted, bewildered, and start to hate the sight of each other. One by one, they retire to their respective Mummies' knees, and their thumbs drift up to their mouths.

Suddenly, the questions they ask become real and pressing. One child, noticing the Manchester air crash inquiry on the news, asked about it, then enquired: "Why are they still talking about it, if it happened so long ago?" Famine and disaster on early evening television lead to searching, distressing, obvious questions; the sort of Bob Geldof-questions that preoccupied Western adults train themselves not to ask, or answer. Parental warnings about not talking to strangers lead to the most difficult questions of all: Why would some men hurt me? Are grown-ups bad sometimes?

Attempts at social discipline lead to even more impossible conversations. Childrens' logic is inexorable: watch any anxious liberal parent struggling to reconcile trendy openness about bodies with an absolute ban on taking out your willy and waving it at Auntie Flo.

Now that the child is so capable, inter-family competition hots up, especially in the more tiresome sections of the middle classes. James can write his whole name. Emma scrapes away at a Suzuki miniature violin. Rosamund did a sponsored walk and drew a picture.

Achievements are used as social counters, and woe betide the child whose brilliance manifests itself in less easily measurable ways. One of my mother's best-remembered moments was when my brother and his cousin were jointly presented with a set of picture dominoes. The cousin began carefully to lay flower against flower, pussycat against pussycat; Michael stuck them indiscriminately end to end and went "choo-choo-choo". Forty-love to the other mother.

We are too obsessed with early education these days; with falling primary school rolls, it takes real social courage to decide you won't send a child to school in his "rising five" term, but keep him home in peace for a few months longer. It would be sad if adult competitiveness brought down shades of the prison house too early on any dreaming four-year-old.

When my son was tiny, I used to watch him playing alone on the beach on his chubby legs, and think of Sir Isaac Newton's words at the end of his life: "To myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore . . . whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me".

In those days, as a toddler, my own boy really was concerned only with the beach, taking each shiny stone as it came. Now, his eyes are raised in half-troubled wonderment: he has noticed the great ocean of undiscovered truth stretching away from his feet. And he is not quite ready to confront it yet.

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FRIDAY

Dealing with the problems of an imperfect ten

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# 'Edward gives respectability to the hit and miss job dilemma of young people'

"Was it a physical problem?" the reporters asked Commanding Officer Colonel Moore at the briefing on Monday when Prince Edward officially left the Marines.

"I'm glad you asked that question," Colonel Moore said. He had obviously been a bit nervous in that area himself because he had checked up on it with Edward's instructors. "I can say," answered the Colonel enthusiastically, "that Prince Edward has all the necessary physical equipment (pause) . . . and the acumen to complete his training satisfactorily."

The nation breathed a collective sigh of relief. Now one could turn to the prospect of choosing the right job for the unemployed Prince without worrying about any prosthetic needs.

A lot of young people will also be heaving a sigh of relief at the Prince's actions. The Royal Family is still a role model for many of the nation's families and the Queen's children have seemed until now to be protected from the hesitations and false starts that most of us go through when leaving school.

However unpleasant the last few weeks may have been for Prince Edward, he should take some comfort in knowing that he will have given a measure of respectability to the dilemma's young people face as they hit and miss in their first jobs.

Two schools of thought, broadly speaking, seem to have emerged on the Edward affair. One school seems very unhappy that an immediate member of the Royal Family has packed it in and will not be wearing a uniform (at the moment, anyway). The other school seems to feel that the time has come for our young Princes to lead the nation in becoming a little more realistic in their job choices. "Why doesn't he choose something he's interested in?", a friend remarked to me. "After all, he could get a job anywhere."

Historically speaking, I suppose, the underlying impulse that has always sent our princes into the armed forces was the idea of the strong King-protector. The Prince was supposed to get involved in the defence of the realm in order to better prepare himself for that time when it was his direct responsibility. Having said that, history can also make out a good case for princes not involving themselves in this aspect of their job. Many a Bavarian state might have been better off had their princelings stuck to the less demanding job of designing achitectural follies and toy theatres — or gone into acting.

Escape: can Prince Edward break the Royal mould?

The constitutional monarchy has made a literal interpretation of the Prince as defender of the realm a bit of an anachronism. Now, they can best help the nation by continuing to do what this Royal Family has done remarkably well: have babies, do good deeds, work day and night at enticing tourists to the land and generally remind us all that the extended family is still the best device we have for keeping the social fabric strong and compassionate.

In a purely personal sense, one can only sympathise with Prince Edward. I can't quite understand what it is that the Commandos do to get that green beret but it does seem to involve a lot of yomping through swamps in spotted outfits with sergeants barking at you. I take without question Colonel Moore's assurance that Edward was quite up to this, but I can't blame him for not embracing the platoon as a lifetime occupation. On the other hand, while I don't want to be in the position of suggesting that anyone should do something I myself would not do, like most people I am not a prince. Princes are not only paid to be different, they are annointed to be different. For them, the concept noblesse oblige has a concrete base of privilege. And privilege does entail responsibility.

These days, mind you, the ancient bargain under which royalty received power and privilege in exchange for giving us leadership and protection has been considerably amended. Since both power and privilege have been reduced, perhaps the expectations we have of our princes should be suitably reduced.

The way we handle our princes will probably determine the way they handle us and I expect we will just have to resign ourselves to seeing Edward or at least his successors in social work and urban studies. One can only hope that they don't get the Scandinavian bug and start bicycling to Islington.

There has been some chat about Edward, who is described as the most intellectually inclined of the Royals, returning to an academic career. This would be a perfectly reasonable thing to do. Mind you, it is worth noting that even though Edward's 9 A levels are at least 11 more than Princess Di ever managed, that does not automatically speak to a donnish life.

In the meantime, I think we all wish him well. The Marines may be "disappointed" but they will find more suitable recruits. Perhaps in our day and age it is just as well for the safety of the realm that Prince Edward continue his fine work in the theatre and leave the Commando tactics to those in our nation who are best equipped for it. Like Maggie Thatcher perhaps.

**Barbara Amiel**

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# In dark glasses

## TALKBACK

*From Nicola Sexton*
*Mannering Gardens,*
*Westcliff, Essex*

**I was shocked at the figures in Jenny Woolf's article (Under-aged — over the limit, December 29). Like most teenagers, I wouldn't have thought of alcohol abuse that much of a problem. More campaigns are needed to scare teenagers. If more could be done through Government campaigns and advertising to change alcohol's glossy image among teenagers, then I'm sure that alcohol abuse by those under 18 would fall dramatically.**

*From David T Tweedie,*
*157 Spital Road,*
*Debineton,*
*Wirral.*

**I applaud Jenny Woolf's article for throwing into sharp relief the problems of alcohol abuse and the government's inertia. Could it be that there are too many vested interests for anything to be done?**

**The first step must be to ban television advertising of alcohol. The young are most vulnerable to this form of advertising, much of which is screened in the early evening.**

**The swamping of the Government's recent drink-driving campaign by the alcohol producers' virtual saturation of television advertising time makes one ask: where is the logic of it? Where the money is — that's where!**

*From John Douglas,*
*West Bridgford, Nottingham*

**One recent development does more to encourage under-age drinking than almost anything else — the club "party". The premises of a club, *together with its well-stocked* bar, can be hired by teenagers. The club sells a block of tickets to the party-giver to cover the costs of hire. The ticketsare re-sold by the party-giver. No questions about age are asked. Drinks are often advertised as being at "half price".**

**These clubs, choosing to arrange teenage parties on otherwise slack nights, make their profits largely from under-age drinkers who crowd the bar until midnight or later. It is a blatant example of exploitation of youngsters.**

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A round-up of news, views and information

### Toddler travel

**Travelling abroad with a young son, Anne-Lucie-Norton yearned for a guide informing parents how differing countries, airlines, and other travel companies help and handle young families on the move — for instance by offering discounts or nursing facilities. The result of her research is her invaluable handbook, *Babytravel* (St John's Wood Press, £5.95), packed with practical advice to ensure a trouble-free trip.**

**There are tips on dealing with bored or ill children, an SOS vocabulary in five languages and insight into which nations welcome children with open arms.**

### Adults too

Rosie Fisher is the brains behind Dragons of Walton Street, who won fame for their enchanting personalized nursery furniture (rumoured to have crept into the Royal nursery), featuring Pooh Bear and Beatrix Potter's characters. Now her company has moved into grown-up stuff too. Dragons II offers beautifully-stencilled and hand-painted items made-to-order by the English craftsmen to match our interior décor. There is, in fact, a complete interior design service also available. A catalogue featuring the designs which can be ordered is available, price £3, from 19 Walton Stret, London SW3 2HX.

### Thermal aid

*Damart — renowned for cosy thermal underwear — have now produced the first comprehensive brochure aimed solely at people with back problems. As well as featuring warm clothing, heat pads, cool packs and useful gadgets to make lifting or reaching easier, there's sensible advice for chronic suffers to help understand (and hopefully, overcome) their back problems and weaknesses. For a free copy of the booklet, write to Damart, Bowling Green Mills, Bingley, BD16 4BH.*

### Help to heal

**Healing the wounds and easing the despair of grief can be a lengthy process; often, losing a loved one even makes it hard to concentrate on the printed word. So through Cruse (the National Organisation for the Widowed and Their Children), Elizabeth Collick — who was widowed over 20 years ago — has produced an audio-cassette version of her book, *Through Grief*, to enable the bereaved to listen to advice on expressing the emotions induced by grief, to mourn, and to start to see that there is a future. Available from Cruse, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW3 1UR (£4, including postage and packing).**

### Quote me . . .

When people, women included, hear that you are writing, they assume that it is simply a hobby to fill in time between doing the washing up and the ironing. It couldn't possibly be a profession.

— novelist Rachael Billington

### Cosy money

*The past few years have seen a trend towards working from home — for housebound mothers and those looking for an alternative challenge. But where to begin and how do you avoid traditional pitfalls, such as undercharging for your services?* Family Circle *magazine's founding editor Christine Brady has been self-employed for several years, and her informative book* The Home Earner *(Corgi, £3.95) covers every aspect of home working from deciding on your niche, marketing your skills, dealing with tax, keeping accounts, and working within any relevant regulations right through to pricing yourself fairly. Featuring dozens of case histories, it's easy to understand — and while it might not make your fortune, no would-be self-employee should start without such sound advice.*

### Sale sell

**Avid antique collectors too overworked to scour the salerooms, out-of-towners or individuals searching for that perfect piece can now turn to a young London woman to help. Patricia Dakin has set up Going, Going, Gone, a saleroom search company which does the homework for you, informing you when any of the major London auction houses are having sales in the areas you're passionate about (from wine to four-poster beds), and for a small fee she will report on specific pieces and make a bid on your behalf, often saving you a journey from hundreds of miles away. Subscriptions are £25 per quarter, so for more details, telephone 01-622 4659 or write to 30 Clapham High Street, London SW4 7UR.**

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## Collapse of stout party?

Is the association between Guinness and Sir Gordon Reece, the Tories' former top PR, about to come to an abrupt end with the departure of chairman Ernest Saunders? Mrs Thatcher's champagne-tippling Svengali was taken on by Saunders — a personal friend — in 1975 to help mastermind the takeover of whisky distiller Arthur Bell and remained on a retainer, rumoured to be up to £50,000 a year. I understand that Tory party friends privately warned Reece to get out before the climax of the DTI investigation. Certainly, with Labour MPs demanding the resignation of Paul Channon, the Trade Secretary, because of his family links with Guinness, the government needs no further connections. Yesterday, Guinness told me it believed Reece was no longer working for it but later said he was continuing to be paid his "small retainer". Sir Gordon was unavailable.

## Unsmash hits

The cast of the BBC *EastEnders* soap opera has proved a fruitful recruiting ground for CND, Norman Tebbit will be sorry to hear. Anna Wing, who plays grandmother Lou Beale, appeared on the cover of the organization's monthly magazine, *Sanity*, in December; Tom Watt, who plays Lofty, has been interviewed for CND's youth magazine, and Leonard Fenton, "Dr Legge", frequently opens CND fund-raising events. A CND spokesman tells me that TV stars are regularly canvassed for support with success. "We've had so much stuff from *EastEnders* that we couldn't fit it all into our last newsletter," she said. The only rebuff appears to have been from Dirty Den, alias Leslie Grantham, who said his politics were his own affair.

- **Spotted on a list of Lincoln Cathedral services: "09.30 Sung Eucharist. Preacher — Deaconess J Laidlaw, Associate Pester." Fair comment on the ordination of women?**

## Rapt

The big freeze did not prevent 10 loyal fans from seeing Placido Domingo in *Otello* at the Royal Opera House last night. To ensure they got their £7.50 seats, they began queueing at lunchtime on Monday and braved the night's chill by wrapping up in blankets, black rubbish bags and sheets of foil. They got their tickets.

## Breezy Bruce

Journalist Bruce Arnold, just awarded £20,000 because of a telephone tap by officials of Charles Haughey's government, has a knack of getting up the noses of Irish prime ministers. An expatriate Londoner, celebrated in Dublin for his plus-fours and English airs, Arnold was attacked by Liam Cosgrave at his 1977 party conference for a series of stories he was running. To the delight of the press benches, Cosgrave spoke of a "blow-in who should blow up or blow out". "His foreign minister, Garret FitzGerald, later privately apologized," Arnold recalled yesterday.

BARRY FANTONI

'Struggling to work? Not me — I'm training for the marines'

## FlourisH

I was not the first to draw attention to Lord Hailsham's signature (PHS January 12). As long ago as 1963 it attracted the admiration of Averell Harriman, President Kennedy's special adviser, who with Andrei Gromyko and Hailsham (then Minister of Science) initialled the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty in Moscow. According to Walter Isaacson and Evan Thomas in their new book, *The Wise Men*, Harriman regarded Hailsham as shallow and ill-prepared. But of Hailsham's initialling of the document, he marvelled: "Did you see his H? It was very beautiful."

## Lambeth's way

The near-bankrupt Lambeth Council has just decided to give £3,500 to its Trades Union Resource Centre to carry out research into the effects in Lambeth of the News International dispute. Lambeth is on the other side of the river to Wapping, some way upstream and not obviously connected to the dispute. I am told that the money will be spent on subjects like assessing whether the readership of News International papers has changed. Needless to say it was voted through under emergency procedures, without the matter being discussed by the full council.

**PHS**

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# Spending: the true extent of Tory success

### by Tim Congdon

Like many important documents issued by government, the annual Expenditure White Paper (this year's is out today) is systematically misleading. It tends to focus attention on the expenditure planning total as the test of whether the government has met its objectives and of the accuracy of the Chancellor's fiscal marksmanship. In fact, large parts of spending which are not under direct Treasury control are included in the planning total. It would be fairer to concentrate on those areas where the Treasury undoubtedly does have responsibility.

One approach is to divide public expenditure into two categories — spending on goods and services, and transfer payments. With the first, the government spends the money itself; with transfer payments, by contrast, it receives taxes from one set of people and distributes the revenue to others, making no purchases in its own name. The level of transfer payments depends on the rate of payment and the number of beneficiaries. Unless a government is intent on political suicide, neither can be easily altered.

Of course, governments *can* try to cut the old age pension or the level of unemployment benefit, but they are soon likely to encounter the political reality that there are too many Good Samaritans in Whitehall and the media, and too many welfare recipients in the nation at large, for their attempts to succeed. Meanwhile the number of beneficiaries is determined by forces — such as demography or world economic conditions — almost wholly outside official control.

The difficulties in controlling transfer payments justify placing the emphasis, in any discussion of a government's success in limiting public spending, on direct expenditure on goods and services. This emphasis can also be defended on the grounds that transfer payments do not make a specific claim on the nation's resources. Apart from the paperwork and bureaucracy involved, no person or machine is employed as a result of switching £10 billion of spending power from one group in society to another.

But, when the government spends £10 billion more on hospitals, schools and roads, it has to recruit more people and place orders for extra equipment. Resources which might have been used elsewhere are pre-empted by the state. Unlike the level of transfer payments, expenditure on goods and services is therefore a measure of the strain the public sector is placing on the economy. For a government eager to expand private provision at the expense of public, it is more important to contain expenditure on goods and services than to curb the growth of transfer payments.

It is well known, and amply confirmed by the latest white paper, that the Thatcher government has had great trouble controlling public expenditure as a whole. Indeed, according to the measure favoured by the white paper, government expenditure (excluding privatization proceeds) was higher as a share of gross domestic product in 1986/87 than in 1979/80. But, if we look solely at current expenditure on goods and services, the position is quite different and much more flattering. In the five years to 1986 government spending on goods and services went up by 5.6 per cent, whereas gross domestic product rose by 13.3 per cent.

As the accompanying table shows, fiscal retrenchment has been greater in the last five years than in any other five-year period since the 1950s. In the decade up to 1981 government spending on goods and services rose faster than GDP. Although expenditure increased more slowly than GDP in the previous decade, the disparity between the two was appreciably less than the 8 per cent gap recorded in the early 1980s.

Moreover, in one respect the early 1980s were unusually awkward for expenditure control because the government was obliged, by its commitment to Nato, to raise defence outlays by 3 per cent a year. By contrast, for most of the post-war period defence spending has declined as a share of GDP. This decline was particularly marked in the 1950s, after the Korean war, and goes far to explain the big difference between the growth of public expenditure and national output in that decade.

If the analysis was focused exclusively on non-defence items, it would probably show that no other five-year period since the war has seen fiscal austerity more rigorous than the early 1980s. Whether this is a reason for praise or reproach obviously depends on one's political standpoint. But, for supporters of the present government, the tightness of the restraint over spending on goods and services has to be regarded as a signal achievement. Squabbles about the precise meaning of the various revisions, adjustment and re-definitions of the planning total should not be allowed to disguise this basic point.

*The author is chief economist of stockbroker L. Messel & Co.*

**GROWTH OF PUBLIC SPENDING 1951-86**

**General government expenditure on goods and services (% increase over five-year periods)**

| | GDP | Spending |
|---|---|---|
| 1951-56 | 15.9 | 8.2 |
| 1956-61 | 13.8 | 2.8 |
| 1961-66 | 16.2 | 12.3 |
| 1966-71 | 14.0 | 9.0 |
| 1971-76 | 12.0 | 18.4 |
| 1976-81 | 2.6 | 4.0 |
| 1981-86 | 13.3 | 5.6 |

GDP assumed to have risen 2¾ per cent in 1986 and general government consumption £13,000m (in 1980 prices) in 4th quarter 1986.

*Sources: Economic Trends*

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### Christopher Walker on the growing hardline disquiet over economic and social reform

# Chill winds of challenge to Gorbachov

**Moscow**
As the Soviet Union prepares to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, there are growing signs of polarization between those who support Mikhail Gorbachov's reform programme and those who are becoming more outspoken in their opposition.

Although a final showdown between conservatives and reformers inside the Communist party may still be avoided by skilful manipulation of the levers of power, unmistakeable evidence is emerging of the extent of the resistance and the ruthlessness with which Gorbachov is prepared to counter it.

One open challenge occurred recently in the port city of Rostov-on-Don, where a deliberately flamboyant funeral was organized by highly placed friends of a corrupt regional trade chief named Budnitsky. As part of the Kremlin's clean-up campaign, he had been jailed for 15 years for embezzlement and taking bribes — two others on trial with him were sentenced to face the firing squad — but died soon after the trial.

At the funeral his body was carried through the main street in a huge procession with a police escort. A card on one ornate wreath praised him as "a man of extraordinary soul", and some speakers at the cemetery said he had died in a responsible state post.

The *Literaturnaya Gazeta* (Literary Gazette) commented: "Influential people, feeling themselves beyond the law, are again becoming brazen in showing their power based on money, links and protection. They not only buried Budnitsky, but tried to bury everything new which is appearing in our life."

The most serious aspect of resistance has been the failure of the party's ruling central committee to convene the plenary session which was due in the second half of 1986. The meeting, which is to deal with personnel policy, will be the culmination of Gorbachov's efforts to be rid of the last two cronies of the late Leonid Brezhnev still holding Politburo votes: Dinmukhamed Kunayev, the deposed Kazakhstan party chief, and Vladimir Shcherbitsky, who still has control of the influential Ukrainian party. The nationalistic riots in the Kazakh capital of Alma-Ata as a result of Kunayev's replacement by Gennady Kolbin, an ascetic, native-born Russian, were a graphic reminder of the problems that Gorbachov faces. Few doubt that Gorbachov will eventually rid the Kremlin of its dead wood, but many are surprised that it is taking him so long.

Gorbachov, who immediately despatched a Kremlin troubleshooter to Alma-Ata, has so far shown a willingness to face his opponents head on. He has repeatedly warned in public and private of the need to defeat the old guard. In a memorable phrase, he told a meeting of Soviet writers last year: "The process must be made irreversible. If not us, then who? If not now, when?"

It is in the heavily repressed field of Soviet culture that his reform programme has been grasped with the greatest enthusiasm, with hardly a day now passing without another Brezhnev-erected cultural barrier being stormed by artists, writers and musicians.

The heady new mood (which many intellectuals are realistic enough to realize may be only temporary) was summed up by the film critic Yevgeny Surkov, writing about the recent death of the *émigré* director Andrei Tarkovsky: "Did he, wracked by pain, have enough strength to realize that . . . the time when bureaucrats edited artists had gone in his homeland and that if he had returned home, nothing could have prevented him from talking with the people about what he believed, and what he wanted so much to assert in his films".

But it is in the economy where resistance is proving stiffest and where the most vital confrontation between old and new is taking place. Occasionally the obstinate strength of the diehards can be experienced at first hand, especially away from the smoothly-run public relations machine in Moscow.

On a visit to the Baltic republic of Estonia, the Kremlin's test-bed for many of its most far-reaching economic experiments, I asked one senior official if I could visit one of the new business co-operatives soon to be introduced all over the country. The official denied their existence, though he was later countermanded by a younger, more reform-conscious colleague who took me on an extensive tour of the new enterprises.

The resistance in the middle layer of the Communist bureaucracy has already prompted parallels with the situation in the mid-1960s when another reforming Kremlin leader — the late Nikita Khrushchev — was eventually toppled. "The situation in 1987 is far different from that in 1964", one senior diplomat told me. "But I am sure that Gorbachov has already made enough enemies for some to start thinking the unthinkable.

Gorbachov's revamp of the economic system has so far been cautious compared with that attempted in Hungary or China; but when combined with his drive through the 15 Soviet republics against all forms of corruption (including that inside the KGB and the militia), it has been sufficient to form a potentially dangerous coalition of forces against him. It consists of the ideological hardliners who believe that his initiatives, particularly towards private enterprise and *glasnost* (openness) in the media are little short of heresy, and disaffected party officials who feel that their comfortable way of life is under threat from the new egalitarianism.

Despite the gradually extending boundaries of *glasnost* (which have not yet extended to providing a casualty toll for the Kazakhstan riots in mid-December), the power struggle is generally taking place behind closed doors. The infighting now has greater significance because of a slight, but detectable, public disenchantment with some of Gorbachov's policies. Particularily disgruntled are those who argue that his posturing on the world stage has so far done little to alleviate the country's chronic shortages.

"We do not drink vodka any more, nor sausage do we have", goes one anecdote frequently heard among Muscovites. "As soon as we come home from work, we tune into Gorbachov."

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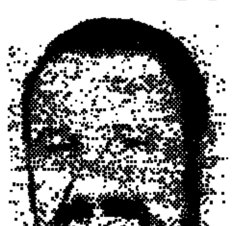
# Who measures up to the Yardstick?

Imbert: could move up from No 2



Anderton: right age but controversial

Dear: favourite from outside London

What does it take to become commissioner of the Metropolitan Police; to run one of the largest police forces in the world with 40,000 staff and a budget of more than £800 million a year? Is the ideal man a wise head on young shoulders? Does he need most an iron constitution or nimble feet?

Such are the questions now being asked at Scotland Yard as the rumour goes round that 1987 could see the retirement of Sir Kenneth Newman, one of the most innovative and controversial commissioners in the Met's 158-year history. There has been nothing official. But Sir Kenneth was 60 last autumn and next September will have been in the job five years — the usual tenure.

If he does go, who would succeed to his £60,100 salary, the gleaming furniture of his eighth floor office and a force bedevilled by problems within and without? It would have to be someone young enough to serve the five-year term and with wide police command experience. The ideal candidate would be qualified to handle a huge management structure combined with London's peculiar problems.

The nearest contender must be Peter Imbert, the 53-year-old deputy commissioner, who combines London policing experience and provincial command. A former anti-terrorist specialist — he was one of the police negotiators at the Balcombe Street siege in 1975 — Imbert was chief constable of Thames Valley before returning to the Yard.

But the Home Office is not committed to promoting directly from within. Both Newman and his predecessor, Sir David McNee, were serving outside London when they were chosen: Newman was running the Police Staff College and McNee was head of Strathclyde police, which takes in Glasgow. If it does look outside London it will be to the five provincial forces serving populations of more than two million and ranking just below London in the pecking order.

First in terms of population is Greater Manchester, with its tempestuous chief officer, James Anderton. He is at a disadvantage of having no London experience, but neither had McNee, so that need not rule him out. At 54, he is still young enough, though the controversy which seems to dog him may not endear him to the Home Office or to Londoners.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary — which Newman once headed — is biggest in terms of manpower outside London, but its head, the 58-year-old Sir John Hermon, has spent his entire career in Northern Ireland and would be an unlikely choice.

Colin Sampson, head of West Yorkshire, has become well known for investigating the Stalker affair in Manchester and the questions over a series of shootings involving the RUC. But he is 57 and has had little experience outside Yorkshire.

Andrew Sloan, Strathclyde's current head, has worked in London as national co-ordinator of the regional crime squads. He also has a wide range of experience with provincial forces but has held his Scottish post only since 1985.

Of all the five major forces it is the West Midlands which is being tipped to produce a future commissioner. Geoffrey Dear, its chief constable, is 49 and has already served in London at a senior level as one of the four assistant commissioners for training, personnel and operations.

Innovative, with a reputation for an open door policy towards the public and press and a desire to grapple with problems, Dear would seem cast in Newman's mould. But he has been in the West Midlands for only a year and the time may not be ripe for another move.

Two outsiders from the smaller provincial forces are Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex, who was awarded a CBE in the New Year Honours list and 46-year-old Brian Hayes, of Surrey.

Given the various factors, the Home Office might appoint Imbert in the knowledge that it has at least one suitable provincial chief to groom as a successor.

But all this presupposes that Newman will go this year. Pressed over the last few months, he has offered no hints. And while a five-year term is customary, there is no hard and fast rule; nor is there an official retirement age. Some senior officers are forecasting that he will stay, perhaps for two years.

Just more speculation? Perhaps not. When Newman announced his general strategy last year he suggested that it would run for three years.

**Stewart Tendler**

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## Christopher Tugendhat

# No Big Two trade-off

Since Reykjavik European governments have been agonising over the possibility that the US and the Soviet Union might negotiate a comprehensive arms agreement over their heads, and wracking their brains to find ways of influencing the outcome. By contrast the accord a few weeks later between James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, and Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese Finance Minister, has provoked little European concern.

Yet this accord between the two economic superpowers could presage an accommodation as significant in its own field as anything that might flow from Reykjavik. It is vital that Europe should participate fully in any negotiations.

The key to the US-Japan relationship lies not so much in the absolute size of their economies as in their complementarity. On the one hand that is a source of profound friction; on the other it provides the basis for far-reaching agreement.

Japan's share of world exports is expected to overtake that of the US in the early 1990s. Moreover, Japan's principal market is the United States, and its enormous trade surplus is the biggest single component in the even larger American deficit.

At the same time, Japan has become the world's largest creditor nation and the US its largest debtor. The massive American budget deficit has been made possible, in large part, by Japan's willingness to invest much of its trade-generated surplus in US government bonds. This has allowed Washington to avoid the hard decisions that otherwise would be necessary to increase domestic savings and bring the budget under control. In short Japan lives off American profligacy while the United States keeps going on Japanese tick.

The IMF has estimated that the US net external debt will rise from 3 per cent of GNP in 1985 to 14 per cent in 1991. Servicing such a debt would impose considerable constraints on the US government, Congress and people.

As Britain discovered in the mid-1970s, living under IMF tutelage is humiliating, severely restricting freedom of action and political aspirations. Is it possible to imagine the United States, the world's largest economy and a strategic superpower on which Japan and its other creditors depend for their ultimate defence, being prepared to submit to such restraints? Others have had little choice but to abide by the rules, but the probability must be that the US will try to change them, if not by agreement then unilaterally.

The two most obvious ways are by legislating to reduce the inflow of foreign goods and by cutting overseas defence commitments. As the new Congress takes over, the possibilities of both are being increasingly discussed.

Either might in theory be aimed specifically at Japan, but in reality all who trade with the United States and look to it for defence are likely to suffer. Partly this is because of the political and practical difficulties inherent in devising effective action aimed at one country. Partly too it is because others, including Europe, run large surpluses with the US, and, as the imbroglio over agriculture shows, are sometimes involved in disputes with it every bit as acrimonious as any involving the Japanese. Besides the biggest and most readily realizable defence savings are to be found in Europe.

It is in everyone's interest to avoid such a crisis, but in no one's more than Japan. Moreover, if the Japanese government and the interlocking network of power elites on which it depends feel a radical shift of policy is needed to preserve their own essential interests, they are capable of moving with surprising speed.

The result of a bilateral US-Japan agreement would probably be less unpleasant for Europe than a full blown crisis, but still very difficult to live with. To the extent that Japanese exports were diverted from the United States, so would pressure on European manufacturers increase, both within the European market and in third countries.

On top of that the result of any determined bilateral effort to stabilize the yen-dollar relationship would be to drive up the Deutschmark, making it harder still for Germany to maintain its share of world trade and pushing it towards depression. As Germany is the pivot around which other European economies revolve, and a major market for their goods, they would suffer too.

Nor is that all. If the US and Japan should find they can reach useful agreements without others being involved, the habit of working together will grow.

At present attempts to manage the world economy still revolve round the so-called G-5 and G-7 that involve other countries as well as the Big Two — Britain, France and Germany in the former with the addition of Canada and Italy in the latter. It is also becoming fashionable to talk of the emergence of a tri-polar system involving the US, Japan and the EEC as a unit, since as a unit the Community is of sufficient weight to hold its own with the other two. Thus the opportunity for Europe to participate is there if only it can be grasped.

However, in order to play an effective role in managing the world economy the Community must first acquire the same capacity to manage its domestic economy and to respond to external challenges as the United States and Japan. In essence this means being able to run a macro-economic policy on a European rather than a national basis. That requires European fiscal and monetary policies as well as a European trade policy. At present only the trade leg of the tripod is in place.

Britain, far from showing itself ready to respond to this challenge, cannot even bring itself to take the preliminary step of joining the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. For a country that at great cost — and rightly in my view — maintains nuclear weapons at least partly in order to maximize its influence on international strategic decisions, this is, to say the least, an odd position.

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## *moreover* . . . Miles Kington

# Get your zero option here

Can this really be the coldest day since records began? Since the day when Thomas Alva Edison came running out of his laboratory shouting: "Eureka! I have invented a small black disc which revolves at 78 rpm, and which tells you just how cold it really is?" The experiment, alas, was a failure, and Edison was later reduced to using the black disc for recording *Mary Had a Little Lamb*.

Yes, that's how cold it is, the coldest day on record, the coldest weather since time began, so cold that packs of St Bernard dogs will be out and about today, gritting the roads, sweeping the verges and bringing refreshment to you as you sit stranded in your car or train. When approached by a St Bernard, do *not* panic or have a go; simply say to yourself: "I must be seeing things", and faint dead away. Remember, only make your journey if it is absolutely necessary, and already thousands of train and bus drivers have heeded this call, staying at home in the warmth of their own duvets.

One person who won't be staying home today, the coldest day since they first managed to get mercury inside a thermometer, is Jack Slot, who drives a lorry loaded with nuclear weapons round Salisbury Plain. Come rain, come shine, come a strange hot wind blowing from Russia, you'll find Jack out there in his lorry, making sure the nuclear weapons get through. He has to be up at five or six in the morning, getting into his Nuclear Dairies white coat and his Nuclear Dairies peaked cap, before he is off delivering his crates of freshly brewed weapons to all his customers.

And we've just heard that at Thallom in Norfolk last night they recorded the lowest temperature of all time, a staggering - 1870 degrees Celsius, unless that's when the thermometer was made. Where do they find places with names like Thallom? Over to the London Name Centre.

"Hello, welcome to the coldest day since dinosaurs walked the earth, with the news that there *are* no places with names like Thallom. These temperatures are all made up in London, and we then invent names for these unlikely places. We also make up names for motorway service areas, army camps and government ministers. Remember John Selwyn Gummer? He was one of our best names.

Do *you* remember John Selwyn Gummer? If so, do you think he was (a) a character in a Jeffrey Archer novel; (b) a rock group; (c) a kind of glue used for sniffing; (d) a small village now submerged by Rutland Water?

Just write your answer on a postcard and send it to The Correct Answer is a Character in a Jeffrey Archer Novel Contest, allowing ten days for delivery.

Meanwhile news has just come in that three inches of snow fell overnight, and our motoring unit has been jammed with calls asking why snow is still measured in inches when everything else has gone metric. If snow was metric too, wouldn't it be easier to clear away? Yes, that's true, but conversion is a very slow and expensive business and it may be well into the 1990s before the work is finished.

And a news flash from Wiltshire: a lorry carrying nuclear weapons has overturned in a field, so will motorists who were thinking of using this field please use some other entirely different field.

Finally a government health warning: in the next few days leaflets will be delivered to every marooned car in the country explaining the facts about Aids; when you get yours, for heaven's sake don't touch it, as one simply doesn't know how these dreadful diseases get passed on. I mean one might get it simply from shaking hands, for heaven's sake.

And now the main points of the weather forecast again. It has been the coldest day since records began, again.

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# A KINNOCK GOVERNMENT?

When politicians are away, the pollsters are encouraged to play. With little "real" politics around, hard-working commentators have no option but to contemplate the computerised views of the electorate. Holidaying ministers (unless they can escape Britain's media as well as its weather) have to join them.

Everyone struggles to understand how Labour can be massively ahead in one London marginal and disastrously behind in the rest – that problem being set merely by one Sunday's TV in *conjunction* with newspaper output from one polling organisation. All look forward, returning to Westminster, to the comforting certainties of red box and palace bar.

But not this year – which has been designated as a suitable opportunity for an election by almost everyone except the lady whose sole decision it is. The polls will be with us for some time. While they now show more cheer for Mrs Thatcher than for her opponents – yesterday's poll *for TV-AM puts the Tories at* 42 per cent for the first time since Mr Kinnock became Leader of the Opposition – they have perhaps the more important function of focusing attention on the very frailty of power. A cat may look at a king. Mr Kinnock in Downing Street? The horse-laugh of derision from Conservative Central office is not so hearty as before the holiday.

The Labour leader has many points against him. He still stands by a defence policy *which is an anathema to* the British people. He still has to live with far left councils whose antics are an affront to the tradition of local democracy. He also represents a socialist philosophy that is in retreat virtually throughout the world, and not even his greatest admirers consider that Mr Kinnock is the man to turn that particular tide.

So need the country trouble itself to prepare for a Kinnock administration? Should it face the fact that by the end of the year the Labour leader may be Prime Minister with an outright majority or in coalition with all or part of the Alliance? There can only be one answer to these questions: yes.

First, Mrs Thatcher has moved – not always very skilfully – onto sections of Opposition ground. By conceding yesterday afternoon the automatic cold weather payments that her ministers had been valiantly rejecting only hours before, the Prime Minister has shown flexibility and compassion. But she is losing a little conviction too. *In any head-to-head fight she* has nothing much to fear. In a heart-to-heart contest, the handicapping is more even.

Secondly, since Mr Kinnock *won the battle to succeed Mr* Michael Foot, he has forged a more united party than any predecessor for two decades. Much emphasis has been placed on Labour's difficulties, with its current policies, in *winning* an election, much less on its preparedness, with its current party machine, to exploit the Tories' *losing* of it.

Last week, for example, Labour's senior spokesman on Health and Social Security opened his typewriter and (not for the first time) put his foot in it. In the run-up to the shadow cabinet conference at Bishop's Stortford, party bosses were keen to display their would-be ministers as a serious alternative government, with each Shadow in his allotted place and an allotted place for each Shadow. Mr Michael Meacher chose this moment to regale his *constituents with a ringing* message about Britain's "humiliating" subordination to the US, saying that this (the rightful preserve of Mr Healey) was a much more important election issue than unemployment (the rightful preserve of Mr Prescott) or the health service (his own humble domain).

Yet, if Mr Kinnock was irked by this untimely intrusion, he could at the same time have congratulated himself. What was once an endemic *disease of Labour politics is* now only an occasional outbreak. In the past it would have been assumed that Mr Meacher's message (amongst all the others from Mr Benn, Mr Heffer *et al*) had been delivered out of mischief, even malice. Today, it can be counted as a tactical error.

Labour's Walworth Road headquarters, under the guiding spirits of General Secretary Larry Whitty and Communications Director, Peter Mandelson, has become a *formidable fighting machine*. A seasoned professional, Mr John Gau, is there to supervise their Party Political Broadcasts. In the NEC, Mr Kinnock regularly wins big majorities. He has one of his Party's best and brightest moderates, Mr Bryan Gould, as his campaign coordinator. The grandees of the soft-left, Mr David Blunkett and Mr Tom Sawyer, have remained loyal. The Bennites have remained routed.

Mr Kinnock has not, of course, reaped the consistent applause from the public opinion polls to which his efforts have been aimed. He has not settled on the 40 per cent plateau from which he could confidently plan for victory. Moreover, *as the current New Statesman* points out, in none of the last seven general elections has Labour gained support in the campaigning month before polling day.

Nineteen eighty seven looks set to be the year of living dangerously. The Tories may find (to the surprise of some of them) that they have neither the divine right to rule nor the unerring tactical sense to hold power by human agency.

They may, for example, find that they have overplayed their "loony left" cards. Brent and Lambeth are a distorting mirror (albeit a powerful one) of what a Labour government in Westminster would be like. Although the next parliamentary Labour party looks set to be further to the left of the present one, it would be a caricature to envisage benchfuls of Bernie Grants or a *massive membership boost* for the Campaign Group. The voters may find too big a gap between Mr Tebbit's portrayal of their Labour candidate and the man or woman who is on the doorstep asking for their vote.

Labour, of course, still has the vastly bigger credibility problem. Few even of the most loyal Kinnock supporters can say with conviction that the money for Mr Hattersley's million new jobs will not instead inflate public sector wage packets.

Labour has the seeds of worthwhile policies on land use and the environment, on the relation between our too-productive farmers and the threatened countryside in which they work. But it still has not fully disavowed land nationalisation and opposition *to Britain's membership* of the EEC.

Labour has a powerful case on scientific research. But it has yet to persuade us that it is a party for genuine academic excellence and not a party which will distribute more taxpayers' money into the pockets of more scientific second-raters.

It is hard for any Opposition that has been for so long out of office to prove its own competence. But in 1983 Labour's very campaign proved its *incompetence*. If it can avoid repeating that proof, it has a chance of electoral reward. Noone should forget that simple fact.

# TEST FOR DIPLOMACY

A recent study, reported in the journal of the American Medical Association, indicated that the proportion of prostitutes suffering from "current sexually transmitted diseases" in Nairobi rose from 4 per cent in 1981 to 59 per cent last year. The study was one of a number conducted in recent years on the incidence of AIDS in Kenya – and which lie behind last month's decision by army doctors to place Mombasa and Malindi out of bounds to British troops.

In the light of what we know about AIDS in Kenya and the extent of public concern in Britain, this would seem to be a sensible precaution. Three British units exercise for six weeks at a time in Kenya every year, and given the value of *their training, it* would be a pity to break the routine.

Military units visiting any part of the world are briefed beforehand on indigenous risks. But every battalion contains a few who, having been trained to be brave on the battlefield, are inclined to be foolhardy off it. The ban on all visits to the above named centres for rest and *recreation*, was imposed in time for the 2nd battalion of the Parachute Regiment who are currently in Kenya, but too late for the 1st battalion of the Queen's Own Highlanders who have recently returned.

It is too early for doctors to tell whether any of the *Highlanders have contracted* AIDS while out there. But the Ministry has admitted to several cases within the armed forces as a whole and it would seem reasonable to make AIDS tests compulsory for all those returning from high-risk areas

Meanwhile, however, Mr John Johnson, the British High Commissioner in Nairobi, has summoned the local press to express his regret over any damage which might have been suffered by the Kenyan tourist industry and to admit, or rather assert, that he had opposed the army's decision. Kenya, he said, is one of the healthiest centres for tourists in the world.

Now, nobody wishes to harm the Kenyan tourist industry. Nor is it hard to understand why Mr Johnson, who is responsible for the maintenance of good relations between London and Nairobi, is concerned. The Kenyan government is extremely sensitive on the issue

But it is also to be hoped that Mr Johnson has not got his priorities wrong — or misled the Kenyan government. He is well advised to explain privately to his contacts in Nairobi, Britain's good intentions towards that country. But for him to express in public his doubts over the wisdom of such a precaution — that is to carry diplomacy altogether too far.

The army must be as much concerned about the purity of the local blood banks as about the purity of the local ladies. If *there are grounds for suspecting* that soldiers might be exposed to undue risks by visiting these places, then the Ministry of Defence must act as it has — and be prepared to go further if necessary.

If this harms the Kenyan tourist industry, then it is a pity. But damage limitation is in everyone's interests — and those of the *tourist industry* most of all. The alternative might be to stop British troops from going there altogether. It is to be hoped that Mr Johnson will relay that also to the government in Nairobi.

## Aids and morals

*From Dr G. deJ. Lee*

Sir, Clifford Longley's article, "Aids: Church's quest to find a convincing sex ethic" (January 12), really encouraged me. For the current adversarial nature of the moralist and utilitarian arguments advanced on how to prevent Aids is so deeply dismaying, particularly to many of the young I meet and admire. They seem so much more searching than many traditionalists *in their responses* to all the dilemmas of conscience we face, not just those relating sexuality to human affection.

I believe them to be no less caring of one another than the moralists in this *largely secular* nation of ours. Encouraged even by the tax laws to be "modern" in their living, most manage to cherish the joys of their sexuality with a responsibility that shines.

To their *concern, moralistic* (Church) pronouncements – seeming to confine sexuality and the physiological act of sex as gifts only for sacramental procreation, or else sinful – appear close to a religiosity that demeans the full wonder of the human condition as they see it.

So, plainly, there is a failure of communication between such deeply concerned young people and the Church in particular. All of us are responsible, for we so often use language which confuses the "hows" and "whys" of life.

It will be a shame if the Church *in Britain cannot* convince people again that its attitude towards sexuality and our love for one another is not a narrowly restrictive morality but something precious that deepens human experience.

Reasoned discussion for those of us who are not Christian is needed, using language respectfully for persuasion rather than censure. Responses might then lose their rancour, cease to ridicule and wish to join in constructive dialogue.

Aids seems aptly named. It could help us all to think things through together again about fundamental moral issues in general and our love for one another in particular.

Yours faithfully,  
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January 12.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Economic remedies for job losses

*From Professor D. A. Bell*

Sir, As we pass from Industry Year, 1986, to Industry Matters Year, 1987, it is well to be clear *why* industry matters and in particular to consider the position of British manufacturing industry in its two distinct roles, as provider of employment and as producer of wealth.

Employment in manufacturing industry in Britain has been falling gradually over many years, for example from 36.4 per cent of total employment in June, 1971, to 31.4 per cent in June, 1979; but it has recently fallen more rapidly and reached 25.8 per cent in June, 1985.

In numbers, the average loss of manufacturing employment between 1971 and 1979 was about 208,000 *per year* and if this had continued during the period 1979-1985 there would have been a loss of 1,248,000 jobs in manufacturing industry, compared with an actual loss of 1,644,000. But would it have been reasonable for the loss to continue?

Compared with our figure of 25.8 per cent in 1985, the proportion of Japanese employed in manufacturing industry has remained around 26 per cent for the 20 years up to 1984 while in USA the proportion had fallen from 31 per cent in 1960 to 18 per cent in 1983 and in West Germany from 30 per cent in 1973 to 27 per cent in 1982. In view of these international figures (for slightly varying dates), the figure of nearly 26 per cent in *1985* for British manufacturing industry does not seem unduly small. One must therefore look elsewhere for the cause of the greater severity of unemployment in Britain.

In the wealth-creating role, however, the picture is less favourable to Britain. UN statistics for 1982 (*Year Book of National Accounts*, volume 2) show the contributions of manufacturing industry to gross domestic product in 1972 and in 1982 as 28 per cent and 21 per cent for the UK, 35 per cent and 31 per cent for Japan and 36 per cent and 32 per cent for West Germany. Thus the UK shows by far the biggest proportional drop in the contribution of manufacturing industry to national wealth.

What we need in Britain is not to subsidise the return of the unemployed to the industries which they left — buying back obsolete jobs with taxpayers' money — but to increase the efficiency and competitiveness of manufacturing industry, particularly in the consumer sector. Stemming the flood of imported consumer goods would allow a balance of trade to be maintained without undue reliance on oil and by relieving the pressure on exchange rates would allow a reduction in interest rates to the benefit of everyone.

An increase in general economic activity, *led* by manufacturing industry, is one of the means of reducing general unemployment: no amount of Government investment of taxpayers' money in the infrastructure can be a substitute for this.

Yours faithfully,  
D. A. BELL,  
87 East End, Walkington,  
Beverley, North Humberside.

*From Mr Tom Dalby*

Sir, Mr Kinnock's strategy for *cutting unemployment* by one million in two years is excellent in principle, but would be counterproductive in practice if it is not also linked with specific ideas on the development of plans for the introduction *of new technologies* to replace the Victorian industries which are no longer competitive in world markets.

Also, the emphasis on job-creation instead of wealth-creation will only increase inflation and, ultimately, diminish Britain's trading capacity and weaken further the manufacturing base.

It is interesting that so little has been said by the Labour Party on the subject of innovation and new technology. It may be remembered by some readers of *The Times* that the Labour Party conference in 1982 approved a resolution to set up a Labour Party science and technology group and that party policy should include support for innovative technology.

Mr Douglas Hoyle, MP, replying for the NEC, said that a comprehensive report on the future of science and technology should be placed before the 1983 conference (*The Times*, October 2, 1982). I cannot recollect any further reference being made to this particular resolution in 1983 or at any time since.

It would seem, therefore, that innovation and the realities of competition in world markets are still topics outside the areas of Labour Party policy planning.

Yours faithfully,  
TOM DALBY,  
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Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

## Schools manifesto

*From the Principal of Halesowen College*

Sir, In your leader (January 3) supporting the pamphlet, *Whose Schools?*, you assert that responsibility for what is taught must be "taken from political agencies and given back to heads and teachers", subject to a "national core curriculum". This latter would be determined by Parliament, undoubtedly a political agency, so you appear to contradict yourselves.

What you seem to want is the removal from local elected councils of any control over how schools are run. Instead, control would be exercised by parents and consumers, with the schools "responsible to parents".

You imply, therefore, that local councils are not responsive; and *few would dissent* from the assertion that some local councils have pursued lunatic policies with an arrogant disregard of the wishes of those they purport to represent.

But what reason is there to suppose that *parental control* would be any better? All recent experience shows that few parents are prepared to give up the time to sit on governing bodies, and the few who do are just as likely to *have extreme views as are councillors*.

Furthermore, parents almost invariably oppose any structural changes in the schools, such as concentrating sixth-form provision *in a college, however strong* the case may be, because they see no benefit for their own children who have only a few years to go in the present system. Who is going to speak for future parents in your scheme of things?

If local democracy is not working properly, and it is not, then rather than replace it with something that would probably be even worse, it should be reformed.

Yours faithfully,  
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Halesowen, West Midlands.

## Taizé pilgrimage

*From the Reverend Canon Anthony Harvey*

Sir, Many of your readers will have been grateful for the perceptive account of the Taizé pilgrimage given in your leading article (January 2). This event was remarkable, not only for the enthusiasm and seriousness of the participants, many of whom had travelled great distances to attend, but also for the exemplary consideration and courtesy they showed towards those who sought to provide for their needs in London.

There is, however, one point on which you may unwittingly have given a misleading impression. You said that those who asked how to join the "Taizé mass movement" would get no answer "except an invitation to be one of the monks of Taizé itself". This *might be taken to suggest* that one of the purposes of these great Taizé pilgrimages is to gain recruits for the community. This is far from being the case. The community already has at least 80 members and is in no hurry to grow larger.

On the other hand, an answer *is* given, but of a different kind. Those who ask to "join" are strongly encouraged to return to the parish from which they come and to share there something of the vision and encouragement they have received from Taizé. This year's *European meeting will* have contributed as much to the life and vigour of the many parishes in the London area where the pilgrims stayed as to the commitment to peace, reconciliation *and trust of some 20,000* young people who came to London from many countries in both East and Western Europe.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Electricity hazard

*From Mr J. D. Fawson*

Sir, Whilst we have the attention of electrical plug manufacturers in your columns (letters, December 15, 22, 29, January 2), could we ask them why most, if not all, their plugs are sold with 13 amp fuses? *In the course of furnishing a small* house and methodically fitting the recommended fuses at considerable extra cost, I have collected 47 spare 13 amp fuses!

This really does seem wasteful. More important perhaps, would anyone — e.g., the plug manufacturers — care to buy back (say) 46 13 amp fuses?

Yours etc,  
J. D. FAWSON,  
Rokesley, Dallington,  
Heathfield, East Sussex.

## Greenham events

*From Monsignor Bruce Kent*

Sir, Mr Heseltine's account of the 1983 Newbury demonstration by the Greenham women (feature, December 22) is at variance with the reports of his own testimony at the time and with that of numerous eye witnesses, including local journalists and the police. But whatever did or did not happen on that night is no reason for Mr Heseltine, four years later, to refuse reasonable democratic discussions with anyone holding views other than his on defence matters.

Yours faithfully,  
BRUCE KENT (Vice-Chairman,  
Campaign for Nuclear  
Disarmament),  
22-24 Underwood Street, N1.

## Firm in the saddle

*From Mr Peter Hogan*

Sir, I would like to say that side-saddle riding can improve anyone's seat, irrespective of gender. My astride position was greatly enhanced a number of years ago by *some side-saddle lessons* I received. I am not the bravest or most skilful of astride jumpers, but I have found side-saddle jumping to be most enjoyable.

It is a great pity that Western culture has characterised side-saddle equitation as the prerogative of the distaff side.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER HOGAN,  
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Chiswick, W4.  
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## Cleaning up the profitable way

*From Ms Miranda Vinograd*

Sir, Applauding Mr Clinton Davis's initiative to improve waste disposal and to clean up beaches and litter in the EEC (report, December 31; Letter from Brussels, January 3), may I suggest that Mr Davis investigate returnable-container legislation as a means of achieving several of *these goals at once? Such* legislation has been in effect in many American states, including Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, for several years; the benefits are demonstrable.

*Under these laws all plastic*, glass and metal soft drink and beer containers must be redeemable for 5c (say, 3p) each at any retailer selling that particular brand. These materials are removed and recycled by the manufacturer, although the containers themselves cannot be re-used.

There was considerable resistance to this legislation by retailers and manufacturers who bear the *brunt of the trouble* and expense of the process, but local authorities responsible for trash removal are delighted by the results. This approach has proved far more effective than bottle banks. The reduction in costs for removing roadside and beach litter has been dramatic and the volume of domestic rubbish was also reduced. Jobs are also created in handling and recycling.

I have observed that only two years after the laws came into force in Maine the hazards of broken glass on our island beach were so reduced that we could at last go barefoot. Another un*expected* benefit has been the opportunity for enterprising youngsters, disabled, indigent, and charitably-minded persons to make money by retrieving discarded containers from waste-baskets and roadsides.

It is not uncommon to see several occupants of wheelchairs fitted with collecting panniers patrolling tourist areas to gather up cans and bottles. Judging by the *number of containers collected* and the competition for "good locations", this must represent a tidy source of income.

May I suggest a study of the American experience, with adoption of returnable beverage containers (including wine and spirits) throughout the EEC, would encourage everyone to profitably participate in the Year of the Environment.

Very truly yours,  
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*From Mr Dean Robinson*

Sir, Why knock Richard Branson (report, January 5)? The campaign to clean up London's streets by young and old alike has been labled as a gimmick. Well, us at the Trafalgar Square Project do not see it as a gimmick; it's a job that we are grateful for. Mr Roland Boyers, the environmental spokesman, thinks that Rome was built in a day; well, it was not, Mr Boyers.

It seems that the trade unionists don't understand what we are doing so we shall enlighten them. We at the Trafalgar Square Project are employed to help tourists who are lost or may need information on places of interest in and around London, we also help to keep Trafalgar Square clean. So if the trade unionists think that we are trying to put other people out of a job, we are not — we are just trying to help.

Why is it that whenever something is started in this country to improve the environment, if it does not work straight away it's a gimmick or politics comes into it? We should be glad that people like Richard Branson are putting in their valuable time and energy to improve the country's environment and create new jobs.

Yours faithfully,  
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*January 8.*

## London Zoo funding

*From the Treasurer of The Zoological Society of London*

Sir, In an article which you published on January 9 Mr George Hill drew attention to the cost of sustaining the Royal Family. He put this "in a normal year" at £30million — "not quite four *times the annual running cost of* the Zoological Society of London." He went on to compare it with £41million for military bands; a similar sum for the Arts Council; £72.5million for storing European grain surplus and £100million for Nimrod.

I have two comments: first, the inclusion of the London Zoo in the list clearly suggests that the society, like the others mentioned, depends upon public funds to the amount indicated. That is not so; only about one third of the £7million or so involved would "in a normal year" come from public funds — a great deal less, *incidentally*, than *similar institutions* receive in other comparable countries.

Secondly, in asking the public to judge between the running cost of the Royal Family and that of the zoo, he is making a comparison which is neither relevant nor useful.

Yours faithfully,  
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January 12.

## ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 14 1858

*The first Chinese war with Britain ended with the Treaty of Nanking of August 29, 1842, which ceded Hong Kong to Britain. A second conflict occurred from 1856-60. Our Correspondent was George Wingrove Cooke. Canton was captured on January 5, 1858*

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### CHINA.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

HONGKONG, Nov. 28, 1857.

. . . That by force or by capitulation we shall have possession of Canton before this year is closed I have no moral doubt. It will be time then to speculate upon ulterior proceedings. . . The stake is too valuable to be left unwatched. If it does so happen that your house is on fire, that is no reason why you should put yourself in such a fluster while you are putting it out that you let Mr. Koff run away with your strong box and Mr. Slick elope with your ledger. I return, therefore, and shall return, *ictibus crebris*, to my unwelcome task of hammering for attention to English interests in China.

When we have got this city of Canton, about the neck of which we are now tightening the lasso, we must use it for the purpose of preventing future wars and establishing a feeling of mutual regard between the people of the country and ourselves. There is only one way in which this can ever be effected. We must break down the door of partition. If the brigand bureaucracy of China will remain in the way, we must walk over it. But we must have free and unrestricted intercourse. I do not propose this as an easy point to *gain. It will require great tact and* decision in our Plenipotentiary to obtain the privilege. . . If Lord Elgin has the perspicacity to see and the courage to follow this bold safe course, you people at home, and especially you men of commerce at home, must support him, or he will fail. If he has not you must push him, force him, or supersede him, for he will deserve to fail, and must fail. This is the key of the whole position. Gain it, and in the words of a Chinese merchant with whom I often discussed this question, "All men will be glad." He meant, and I mean, all men except the corrupt officials. . .

Whenever we strive to obtain sufficient specific facts whereby to map a line of action we are brought up by the humiliating conviction that our ignorance of China is a darkness that may be felt. Even of that great conglomerate of cities on the Yangtse we know little more than that it is the commercial emporium of central China, and that its population is variously estimated at from five to eight millions of souls. We know that it exists, and that is nearly all we know. No one has been there except native Chinamen and Jesuit missionaries. There are some scattered notices of it in the *Annales de la Propagation de la Foi* (tom.xvii.), and Huc has made mention of it in his journey from Tartary to Canton. The elder missionary was roused to enthusiasm by the immensity of the numbers of prospective converts. *For five leagues* he saw *nothing* along the shores but the closely packed habitations of men. For a still longer space the river, more than a league in breadth, was crowded with beautiful and fantastic vessels passing and repassing by day and by night. Nearer to shore, where these vessels became fixed habitations, he entered, at night, a water way defined on each side by floating shops; and for four hours he journeyed through a labyrinth of lit streets, all resting on the surface of the river. In the morning he reached the shore, but only to find that Woochang differs from other Chinese cities only in its marvellous magnitude. From a distance he *saw pagodas and yamuns and* highly cultivated environs; when he approached he saw the usual details of an aggregate of Chinese habitations, banks worn away by inundations, workshops half undermined by the stream, houses built upon piles; no order, no breadth of thoroughfares, but narrow alleys, along which men and cattle and hogs pressed in scared or jostling crowds. . . It seemed a whole creation of mankind, all buying and selling and bartering and chaffering, a Babel of trade, a struggling world of dealers and brokers.

This is the one great type of a thousand cities which differ only in dimensions. How can we tell from which it may be safe to be excluded, or how far a single exception may neutralize the benefit of all we gain and enable the cunning savages to hold us in check and keep us in the wrong?. . .

## Shot in the dark

*From the Director of The Police Foundation*

Sir, I have recently had cause to fill in a shotgun licence application for the first time. It requires me to report on my own mental health, which I naturally believe to be near perfect. Of course, one of the marks of mental illness, including alcoholism, is the difficulty the sufferer has in recognising his affliction.

While it would be naive to think that sporting interests will allow major changes in the licensing regulations in the short term, even if criminal use of shotguns continues to rise, I see no great problem in addressing this one important *question on the application form* to someone who is at least qualified in law to answer it.

Yours faithfully,  
BARRIE L. IRVING, Director,  
The Police Foundation,  
314/316 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.  
January 7.

# COURT AND SOCIAL

## COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 13: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National Rubella Council, this afternoon attended a Reception for members of the Asian Communities at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London W1.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Anglian Regiment, today received Major-General Sir David Thorne on relinquishing his appointment as Deputy Colonel The 1st Battalion, and Brigadier A.J.G. Pollard on assuming this appointment.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Portugal from February 11 to 14 at the invitation of the President. They will visit Lisbon and Oporto.

Princess Anne will visit Raemar Dresses Limited, New Road, Crook, Co Durham, on January 27.

Princess Anne will attend the Scottish Sportswomen of the Year 1986 dinner at the Albany Hotel, Glasgow, on January 27.

## Luncheon

**Guild of Air Pilots Benevolent Fund**
A luncheon to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Guild of Air Pilots Benevolent Fund was held at the RAF Club yesterday. Mr David Proudlove, chairman, launched an appeal for the fund and Air Chief Marshal Sir Alasdair Steedman, Controller of the RAF Benevolent Fund, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Neil Wheeler, Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, were among those present.

## Dinners

**HM Government**
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a dinner held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Señor Don Francisco Fernandez Ordonez, Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**Lord Mayor**
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and High Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies at dinner at the Mansion House last night.

**Royal Institute of British Architects**
Mr Derek Bowman, Chairman of the Royal Institute of British Architects Northern Region, presided at a reunion dinner for past regional chairmen held at Durham Castle yesterday. Among those present were:
Mr Edward Samples, Mr George Oldham, Mr Cyril Winskell, Mr Stuart Mackie, Mr Leslie Preston, Mr Edward Hill, Mr John Richardson, Mr Peter Caller, Mr William Ainsworth, Mr Donald Spouse, Mr Roy Gazzard and Mr Jack Gray.

## Service dinner

**Amphibians**
The Amphibians dined at the Army and Navy Club on Friday, December 19, 1986. The following founding members were present:
Lieutenants C M G Bullard, J C B Chapple, D J Halling, C P Morton, P A Jones and P J Thicknesse, Royal Navy, Captain D N Walters, Royal Marines, and Mr R I Craik.

## Reception

**Lord Sudeley**
Lord Sudeley gave a reception for Dr Marcus Barccani-Dunston last night at the House of Lords. The guests included:
Prince and Princess Tomislav of Yugoslavia, Lord and Lady Abinger, Lord Nicholas Hervey, Sir Martyn Evans-Bevan, Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Sir James and Lady Duncan, Prince and Princess George Galitzine, Prince Mohsin Ali Khan of Hyderabad, the Hon Mrs Meek, the Hon Christopher Monckton, Mr and the Hon Mrs Christopher Bird, Mr and Mrs H Bedingfeld, Mr and Mrs Nigel Harrison, Mr and Mrs J J Gurney, Major A Gurney, Miss Candyce Kohn, Mrs Virginia Bedini, Mr and Mrs M Wynne-Parker and Mr Henry Paget.

## Valentine Ball

The Valentine Ball will be held on Friday, February 13, in the Albert Hall. At midnight trumpeters from the Household Cavalry will give a fanfare and valentines will be exchanged. Dancing will be to Harvey and the Wallbangers, Juliana's and Joffin's. Invitations and £25 tickets are available from Mr Oliver Baxter, telephone: 01-834 1002.

## Old Sandroydians

Mr Barry Giles, Mr Nicholas Bolton and Mr Peter Robertson will hold a reception in connection with Sandroyd's centenary appeal at 6 pm at Glaziers' Hall tomorrow. All Old Sandroydians are invited to attend.

## Appointments

Latest appointments include:
**Mr Geoffrey Inkin** to be Chairman designate of the proposed Cardiff Bay Development Corporation.
**Mr Brian Ponsford**, Director of Waste Disposal at the Department of the Environment, to be the first Director of HM Inspectorate of Pollution on April 1.
**Dr James Ewart Henderson** to be President of the Air League, in succession to Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy, who retires on January 31. **Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness** succeeds Dr Henderson as chairman on February 1.

The following Royal Marine promotions have been announced:
Colonel: D.C.L. Rose; Lieutenant-Colonels: T.P.P. Knott and A.P. Martin; Majors: A. Watson, K.L. De Val, B.C. Heath, S.S.O. Bush, M.A. Stevens, I.R. Gardiner and A.R. Pillar.

## Latest wills

Dr Stuart Dunsmore **Elliott**, of Cambridge, bacteriologist, left estate valued at £479,795 net.
Mr Michael Peter **Di Lorenzo**, of Loughton, Essex - Peter Lorenzo, the football writer and commentator - left estate valued at £138,353 net.
Mr George Charles **Lloyd-Roberts**, of Chelsea, former consultant orthopaedic surgeon at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, left estate valued at £130,326 net.
Rear Admiral Harry Desmond **Nixon**, of Ashley, Wiltshire, President of the Ordnance Board 1973-74 and Deputy Lieutenant of Wiltshire in 1978, left estate valued at £82,587 net.

## David Penhaligon Memorial Trust

A trust in memory of Mr David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP for Truro, who died in a road accident last month, has been launched to help children, the poor and long-term unemployed in Cornwall.

The trustees are Mrs Penhaligon, Mr David Steel, the Leader of the Liberal Party, and Mr Julian Williams, Chairman of Cornwall County Council. Donations may be sent to Barclays Bank at 14 King Street, Truro, Cornwall.

## Birthdays today

Captain Sir Alastair Aird, 56; Professor Sir Melville Arnott, 78; Mr Peter Barkworth, 58; Mr Richard Briers, 53; Baroness Brooke of Ystradfelte, 79; Lord Catto, 64; the Right Rev Derrick Childs, 69; Miss Faye Dunaway, 46; Miss Maina Gielgud, 42; Sir Arthur Hoole, 63; Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, 59; Mr Trevor Nunn, 47; Sir Neil Pritchard, 76; Mr C.R. Reeves, 51.

# Riddle of hidden chamber in pyramid

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

Investigations inside the Great Pyramid of Cheops, near Cairo, have shown that hidden chambers may exist there, according to the Egyptian authorities.

Drilling through a wall revealed a sandy fill and fine limestone, rather than the coarser block construction of the pyramid core, but it is not known whether the chamber or chambers contain anything.

The drilling has been carried out on the west side of the passage leading to the Queen's Chamber, a small chamber reached by a separate corridor from that to the Pharaoh's burial place.

It was carried out by a team headed by two French architects, Gilles Dormion and Jean-Patrice Goidin, in September, after their study of the pyramid convinced them that cavities existed within the structure, which was built 4,600 years ago and is estimated to contain more than two and a half million limestone blocks.

Three small holes were made in the wall slabs of the passage, and showed that behind them lay a layer of mortar. Behind that was another foot of sand and then limestone again.

"The indications are that there is a door behind the stone", Dr Ahmed Kadry, chairman of the Egyptian Antiquities Organization, said in a recent interview with the *Middle East Times*. "Perhaps the cavity will contain something exciting, perhaps nothing", he added, but pointed out that any information would add to knowledge of the pyramid's construction.

The fine sand deposit is a previously unknown feature in pyramid construction, he said, and the limestone from the inner block was Tura stone, a high quality material used normally for the outside casing of pyramids rather than the core. It is also used for sculpture.

Dr Kadry told the *Middle East Times* that he did not know when the project would continue, but that the first priority would be to determine the plans of any hidden chambers, using a microgravimeter, a sonar-like instrument.

Archaeologists do not expect dramatic treasures to be found, but look forward to a better understanding of the engineering genius that lay behind the building of the Great Pyramid.

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Winning trio: Joan Plowright (left), Tim Rice and Alison Steadman who took some of the top accolades in Drama magazine's annual awards yesterday. Miss Plowright was judged best actress for her performance in The House of Bernarda Alba, Tim Rice accepted the best musical award, for Chess, and Miss Steadman was best supporting actress in Kafka's Dick at the Royal Court Theatre (Photograph: John Rogers).

# Forthcoming marriages

**Mr T.J. Aldridge**
**and Miss M.A. Collins**
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J.F.L. Aldridge, of Aldingbourne, West Sussex, and Madeleine, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.P. Collins, of Watsons Bay, Sydney, Australia.

**Mr M. Barley**
**and Miss R. Buxton**
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Michael, second son of Mr J.H.T. Barley, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and the late Mrs A.M. Barley, and Richenda, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Buxton, of Grantchester, Cambridge.

**Mr S. Barnard**
**and Miss H.A. Jones**
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Barnard, of Winchmore Hill, and Hayley Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Jones, of Enfield.

**Dr P.M.W. Bath**
**and Dr F.J. Crawford**
The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr Peter Bath, OBE, and Mrs Bath, of Wimbledon, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Crawford, of Teddington, Middlesex.

**Mr S.S. Bell**
**and Miss J.C. Watkins**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Dr S.W. Bell, of Easton, Suffolk, and Mrs J. Wright, of Ivybridge, Devon, and Claire, daughter of Mrs H.I. Allen, of Kensington.

**Mr S.P. Brooke**
**and Miss A.J. Saunders**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mrs Betty Brooke and the late Mr Peter Brooke, of Cranford Avenue, Exmouth, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Saunders, of Foxholes Hill, Exmouth.

**Mr O.C. Brookshaw**
**and Miss S.C. Barratt**
The engagement is announced between Oliver, elder son of Mr and Mrs Philip Brookshaw, of Saunderton, Buckinghamshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barratt, of Minsterley, Shropshire.

**Mr H.A. Chawner**
**and Miss J. Llewelyn**
The engagement is announced between Hugh, only son of Mr and Mrs John Chawner, of Bangor, Gwynedd, and Jayne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Goronwy Llewelyn, of Mumbles, West Glamorgan.

**Mr P. Collins**
**and Miss A.E.C. Parker**
The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Charles Collins, of Colchester, Essex, and Alison, daughter of the late Mr Dudley Parker and Mrs Jean Parker, of Grantham, Lincolnshire.

**Mr D.C. Cook**
**and Miss S. Dunkley**
The engagement is announced between David Carl, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Cook, of Brisbane, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Dunkley, of Sydney, Australia.

**Mr C.G. Faulkner**
**and Miss M.F. Veevers-Carter**
The engagement is announced between Christopher (Topher), eldest son of Commander and Mrs Hugh Faulkner, of Grenville Hall, Droxford, Hampshire, and Ming, daughter of the late Mr Mark Veevers-Carter and of Mrs John Blower and stepdaughter of Mr John Blower, of Beau Pré St Martins, Guernsey.

**M B. Giraud**
**and Miss A.J. Keats**
The engagement is announced between Bernard, son of M and Mme B.M. Giraud, of Paris, France, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Keats, of East Grinstead, West Sussex.

**Mr J. Hesketh**
**and Miss J. White**
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Hesketh, of Liverpool, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. White, of Carperley, North Yorkshire.

**Mr R. Joseph**
**and Miss N. Beauchamp**
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Joseph, of 12 Fresby House, Rutland Gate, London, SW7, and Nicole, only daughter of Mrs Annabella Beauchamp, of 19 Ashworth Mansions, London, W9.

**Mr J.D. Lawlor**
**and Miss P.A. Stitt**
The engagement is announced between John Desmond, elder son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Lawlor, of Republic of Ireland, and Philippa Anne, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Stitt, of Harrogate.

**Mr D.C. Lockwood**
**and Miss S.J. Willis**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs K.G. Lockwood, of Debden, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. Willis, of Keynesham, Bristol.

**Mr W. Marshall**
**and Miss L. Jacobsen**
The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William Marshall, of Ballymorran, Co Down, and Louise, daughter of the late Mr Jock Jacobsen and of Mrs Beverley Jacobsen, of London, SW18.

**Mr S. Morgan**
**and Miss J.A. Neville-Rolfe**
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs S.G. Morgan, of Charmouth, Dorset, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Neville-Rolfe, of Woodcock Hill, Berkhamsted.

**Mr E.C. Opfermann**
**and Miss A.M. Cooper**
The engagement is announced between Christop, son of Herr and Frau Wolfgang Opfermann, of Marratxinet, Mallorca, and Munich, Germany, and Alison, daughter of Mrs Anthony Craufurd Cooper and the late Colonel A.C. Cooper, RE, of Jersey, Channel Islands.

**Mr D.J. Puller**
**and Miss F.E. Robotham**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs M.J. Puller, of Sevenoaks, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Robotham, of Hertford Heath.

**Mr C.A. Rumbold**
**and Miss S. Tucker**
The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of the late W.R. Rumbold and Mrs S.V. Rumbold, of Westminster, SW1, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Tucker, of Melbourne, Australia.

**Signor F. Stronati**
**and Miss M.E.M. Orme**
The engagement is announced between Fabio, son of Signor and Signora G. Stronati, of Ancona, Italy, and Elizabeth, daughter of Captain and Mrs E.H.M. Orme, of Perry House, Tollard Royal, Wiltshire, formerly of Hindhead, Surrey.

**Mr R.W.G. Threlfall**
**and Miss E.A. Sprague**
The engagement is announced between Richard William George, eldest son of Mr R.I. Threlfall, QC, and Mrs Threlfall, of Pebble Hill House, Limpsfield, Surrey, and Elizabeth Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Sprague, of The Small House, Great Durnford, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

**Mr D.P. Watts**
**and Miss C.E. Sutton**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs P.H. Watts, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Clare, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs P.M. Sutton, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

**Mr G.J.G. Williams**
**and Miss N.J. Preston**
The engagement is announced between Gareth, elder son of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs John Williams, of Crownhill, Plymouth, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Preston, of Compton Martin, Bristol.

**Mr G.N. Woods**
**and Miss E.M.A. Steenbakker-Morilyon-Loysen**
The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr P. Woods, of Montacute, Somerset, and Mrs K. Tinsley, of Colerne, Wiltshire, and Elena, daughter of the late Rev H. S-M-Loysen and Mrs J. S-M-Loysen, of Digswell, Hertfordshire.

## Marriage

**Mr I.C.E. Hamilton**
**and Miss B.B. Kaczmarowska**
The marriage took place at Kling Kling, Jamaica, on January 1, between Mr Ian Crum Ewing Hamilton and Miss Barbara Bozena Kaczmarowska.

### Science report

# Winter link to hypertension

By Andrew Wiseman

**Changes in the weather could be a major contributor to hypertension, responsible for about half of all heart attacks. These are the findings of Associate Professor Andrei Mitropolsky, working at the Leningrad Institute for the Advanced Training of Doctors, who recently completed a nationwide study of potential heart attack victims in the USSR.**

**Worried by statistics that in Leningrad the age of the youngest hypertension sufferer had dropped from 29 to just over 20 in the past 10 years, and unconvinced that pollution was the cause of this development, he set up a research project to find out what effect, if any, climatic conditions might have on patients with high blood pressure.**

**He selected them from contrasting parts of the Soviet Union: the extreme south and the far north, with central Russia providing the statistical buffer. The three groups were identical in terms of sex, age, occupation and medical condition.**

**The only difference was the climate they lived in and, to some extent, their diet. (People in the south did not suffer from the vitamin deficiencies, unlike their fellow citizens in the polar region.)**

**As far as the weather is concerned there are two basic distinctions between north and south. One is obvious: there is more sunshine in central Asia than in the Arctic Circle. The other is less well known: many more magnetic storms occur in the northern areas (close to the Earth's magnetic poles) than in the sunny south.**

**Initial results revealed there were four times as many incidents of what Professor Mitropolsky calls "hypertension crises" and heart attacks among patients in the polar regions than in the south.**

**Subsequent tests showed northerners had fewer leucocytes in their blood than southerners. Because these white blood cells affect the body's ability to react to external changes, the Soviet researchers wondered whether they provided a clue to an understanding of the climate's possible influence on hypertension.**

**When they studied how seasonal changes affected hypertension patients in Leningrad, they found that twice as many residents complained of high blood pressure in the winter than in the summer. Ambulances had double the number of calls from hypertension sufferers before or during magnetic storms. Significantly on such days in the winter months the patients' white blood cell count was down.**

**On the strength of this work the Soviet team has drawn up guidelines for the treatment of high blood pressure in various climatic zones. Though they admit they have not yet found a universally applicable treatment for hypertension, they stress that people prone to it should take special care during the winter and other unfavourable weather conditions.**

# OBITUARY

## DR WILFRID LEWIS

### Physicist who built Canada's nuclear power stations

Dr Wilfrid Lewis, CC, CBE, FRS, FRCS, the father of Canada's nuclear power programme, died on January 10 at Deep River, Ontario. He was 78.

Wilfrid Bennett Lewis was born on June 24, 1908, at Castle Carrock, Cumberland. He was educated at Haileybury College and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

After graduating he stayed in Cambridge where, from 1930 to 1939, he researched in nuclear physics under Rutherford and Cockcroft at the Cavendish Laboratory. He was made a university lecturer in physics in 1937.

At the outbreak of war he was seconded to the Air Ministry, where he worked on radar at the Telecommunications Research Establishment.

In 1946 he went to Canada, where he directed the national nuclear research programme until his retirement as senior vice-president, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd, in 1973.

He was the leader of a small band of scientists charged with carrying out the Canadian Government's policy of developing a research programme exclusively devoted to the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

The result was the Candu reactor, fuelled by natural uranium and using heavy water as a coolant. The system which provides just under a third of Ontario's electrical power, was also sold to a number of other countries, including South Korea and Romania.

After retiring, Lewis moved to Kingston, Ontario, where he lectured for nine years and wrote articles on nuclear energy as a professor in the science department at Queen's University.

He participated in a number of international organisations, including the International Atomic Energy Agency, the United Nations Scientific Advisory Committee and Unesco.

Among his many honours, were his appointment as a Companion of the Order of Canada, and the United States Department of Energy's Enrico Fermi Award.

In 1982 he finally retired to Deep River where he lived with a sister. He was unmarried.

Lewis was known to colleagues as a scientific workaholic. When, following his emigration to Canada, he brought his widowed mother from England to keep house for him, family friends questioned the wisdom of the move, on the grounds that, left to himself, he might marry.

She is alleged to have replied: "Never, he's married to his work", a mother's fond verdict greeted with scepticism at the time, but, nevertheless, borne out by events.

## M ROBERT LYON

M Robert Lyon, MBE, who had a distinguished career in the Resistance, has died in Paris.

He volunteered to fight in 1914, and earned a Croix de Guerre in the First World War, which he was fortunate to survive.

Between the wars he became fluent in English, and in the spring of 1940 was liaison officer to a British medium artillery regiment, with the remnants of which he escaped from Dunkirk.

He was not attracted by de Gaulle's initial appeal, and returned to France to be demobilized. In the late summer of 1941 he was recruited by an emissary from London into SOE's F (or independent French) section, for which he at once began active work.

As he had no clandestine training he was easy prey for the Vichy police, who arrested him at Marseilles and imprisoned him, first at Périgueux and then at a camp at nearby Mauzac. From there he escaped with several other SOE agents in July 1942. Through Spain, he again reached England, and underwent some SOE training in Scotland and the New Forest.

In June 1943 he returned to France in a light Lysander aircraft which landed near Amboise. He set up a sabotage circuit round Lyons, in the teeth of a particularly alert hostile police. J. H. Coleman, F Section's only naval officer, flew in to help him. They agreed that the wisest course would be to train saboteurs in the countryside and start more active work after the allies landed.

Lyon was soon re-arrested and put in Montluc prison. But he managed to escape from a train taking him to Paris for further interrogation, and rejoined his companions in arms. They inflicted serious damage on the railway network, and welcomed the American army that advanced up the Rhone in August 1944.

After the war he went quietly back to his civil career as a public relations officer. He was, for 12 years, president of the French association of former members of F section. He was a member of the Legion of Honour, and held another Croix de Guerre for the Second World War.

He leaves a widow and two sons (another son died in infancy).

## PROFESSOR LOUIS HUNTER

Professor Louis Hunter, FRSC, founder and for many years head of the chemistry department at Leicester University, died on December 19. He was 87.

Louis Hunter was born on December 4, 1899. He was educated at East London (now Queen Mary) College, London.

In 1920 he went as an assistant lecturer to the University College of North Wales at Bangor. Five years later he moved to University College, Leicester (now Leicester University), where he spent the remainder of his academic career.

During his first ten years there Hunter was the only chemistry lecturer, teaching honours students over the entire range of the subject, with much success. He was also a keen researcher and, with determination and ingenuity, and despite a shortage of money, set up a research school.

He did work on hydrogen bonding in organic chemistry, making considerable advances in the field with the use of simple but effective experiments. By 1928 he had published the first results of this research, which soon attracted external funds and for which he was awarded a science doctorate from London University.

He was appointed, in 1946, to Leicester's first chair of chemistry. As vice-principal from 1952 to 1957 and, later, from 1957 to 1960, as pro-vice-chancellor, he played a prominent part in guiding the college to university status. When he retired in 1965 he left behind a flourishing department.

He married, in 1926, Laura Thorpe, who predeceased him. There were no children of the marriage.

## JUDGE DEBORAH ROWLAND

Judge Deborah Rowland, circuit judge since 1971, died on December 26. She was 73.

Deborah Molly Rowland was born on August 7, 1913. She was educated at the Slade School of Art, the Bartlett School of Architecture and the Courtald Institute of Fine Art.

She was called to the Bar in Lincoln's Inn in 1950. She published, in 1956, *Guide to Security of Tenure for Business and Professional Tenants*.

For recreation she enjoyed music (she founded a new Bar musical society and was an accomplished pianist), painting and sculpture.

*B. C. writes:*

Once settled in practice she set about the founding of the now fully established Bar Musical Society. Within a couple of years one heard and saw Lord Evershed, the Master of the Rolls, and other judges singing at the piano with Deborah as the accompanist.

One successful concert followed another in one or other of the Inns of Court, and even Sir Thomas Beecham, who became her friend, obliged Deborah by conducting in the Great Hall of Lincoln's Inn.

She practised mostly in civil work before becoming a county court [later circuit] judge in 1971, a mere 21 years from call.

She was, because of her nature, perhaps over sensitive as a judge. Contention of any sort was anathema to her and her judicial work, in matrimonial affairs particularly, worried and pained her.

Yet she remained vivacious all her life, and she was an example to lady members of ther Bar in dress deportment and manners.

The mystery is that she was unmarried, yet there was no-one more loved.

## MR ALBERT FERBER

Mr Albert Ferber, composer, pianist and specialist in French music, died on January 11. He was 76.

He was born at Lucerne, Switzerland, on March 29, 1911. He studied at Berne, Hanover, London and Paris, making his home in this country just before the Second World War.

He toured extensively and played with most major orchestras.

Ferber was a somewhat austere pianist, not given to wearing his heart on his sleeve. But he was also capable of sensitivity and eloquence, best suited to modern French music, with which he was most at home.

Among his recordings are the complete works of Debussy and a selection from Fauré.

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# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.
Psalm 32 : 11

## BIRTHS

**BROOKE** - *On January 11th*, to Susannah and Michael, a daughter Lucy Eleanor.

**BUCHANAN** - On January 10th 1987, at St George's, London, to Cynthia (née Pullman) and Andrew, a daughter, Emily Clare Scoular.

**BUTCHART** - *On January 7th, in Edinburgh*, to Susie (née Smith) and David, a daughter Sarah Jane.

**CAMPBELL-LAMERTON** - On January 10th 1987, to Mary Louise (née Thorneycroft) and Jeremy, a son, Harry Alexander.

**CLOWES** - On January *13th*, at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary. To Nicola, *wife of* Simon, a daughter.

**CRAIG** - On January 6th 1987, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Patricia (née Daniel) and Michael, a daughter, Katherine Isobel.

**HARKNESS** - On January 10th to Susan and Euan, a daughter, Camilla Rose.

**HASSELL** - On January 12th, at Warnford Hospital, Leamington Spa, to Deborah (née Hodges) and Alan, a son, Oliver Charles, a brother *for* Toby.

**HEWITSON** - *On* January *8th*, to Susan (née Hazzal) and Nicholas, a son, Thomas Alexander.

**HORTON** - On January 10th, to Daphne (née Summerson) and Bill, twin daughters, sisters for Christopher.

**JAMES** - On January 11th, in Bahrain to Diane (Née Drogoul) and Anthony a daughter, Clarissa Louise, a sister for Emma Daphne.

**JONES** - On January 10th, to Katie (née Hannam) and Stephen, a son, Maxim William Ion.

**PORTUGHEIS** - On *January* 12th 1987, at home, to Marina and *Alberto*, a *son*, *David Nicolas*, a brother to Susanna and Clara.

**SAVAGE** - On January 12th, at St Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Annabel (née Windsor Clive) and Mark, a sister for Gabriel.

**SIMONS** - On January 4th, at Royal Berkshire Hospital, to Jane (née Hickinbotham) and Paul, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth.

**TATE** - On December 15th 1986, to Mary and John, a daughter Chloe, a sister for Johnnie.

**TUSDER** - On January 8th 1987, to Susan and Abidin, a son Jonathan Frederick Niyazi Tusder.

**WATERWORTH** - On January 7th, to Veronica and Richard, a daughter Philippa Alice, a sister for Alexander, Gillian and James.

## MARRIAGES

**de COURCY MEADE:HINDLEY** - On 12th January 1987, at Great Barrow, Cheshire, James Patrick, O.B.E. to Joyce.

## DEATHS

**BAINBRIDGE SPRING** - On January 10th, peacefully in Hertford Hospital, Gwendolen Edith, widow of Stobart, mother of Phyllida Alixe *and grandmother of Nicholas*, Amanda and Eleanor. Funeral service on Friday 16th January at All Saints, Hertford. Donations to Cancer research prefered to Flowers.

**BALFOUR** - On Saturday January 10th 1987, very suddenly but peacefully at home John Selby aged 81. Beloved by his wife Barbara and three sons David, Hugh and John. Past chairman of the Association of Consulting Engineers. Funeral service at West Wittering Church on Monday 19th January at 11.45am, followed by private cremation.

**BAVIN** - *On January 12th 1987*, peacefully in King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Helen, passionately loved wife of Robert, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral private.

**BUCKNELL** - On January 11th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Peter Thomas. Funeral to be held at St Michael's Church, Ashtead at 11.00am on Friday 16th *of* January.

**BURGESS** - On January 8th, Samuel Horace in his 91st year, husband of the late Flora Auton Burgess and father of Rosamund, Desmond, Oswald, Graham and Donald, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Cuthbert's Church, Brislington, Bristol 4, at 10am on Thursday 15th January.

**DAVIES** - On January 7th 1987, peacefully, at Westbury House, West Meon, Hants. Kathleen Maud Matilda, formerly of Delphi, Beech Hill Road, Headley, Bordon, Hants. Daughter of the late Percy Nolan and Jane Emily Davies. Service at Porchester Crematorium, Hants., on Thursday January 15th at 1.15pm. Enquiries to: Barrells F.D. Tel: 0705-824831.

**FOLEY** - On January 12th, The Most Reverend Victor Frederick Foley, RC Archbishop of Fiji 1966-1967, after prolonged illness, in California aged 77 years.

**GLANCY** - On January 11th, suddenly but peacefully at home. Hilary, beloved *wife of Michael* and adored mother of Emma, Rebecca and Simon, daughter of Gilbert and the late Margaret Burrows. Affectionately remembered by her family. Funeral service at St George's, Whyke, Cleveland Road, Chichester at 12.30, *Friday January 16 followed by* private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to NSPCC.

**GRANT** - On January 9th, peacefully at home, in her 96th year, Eileen, beloved widow of Colonel L.B. *Grant* (Granto).

**GREEN** - On January *11th 1987*, peacefully after a short illness, Arthur John Green, dearly loved husband *of* Sylvia and much loved father of Patrick and *family*. The funeral service will be held in St. Peter's Church, Newton-le-Willows on *Friday* January 16th at 1.00pm, prior to *cremation at St. Helens* Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, London WC1R 4AR.

**HILLIER-HOLT** - On January 11th, peacefully. Vera (*Moppy*), loving mother of Jean, late Elizabeth, Daphne and Leslie, adored grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private.

**HOFMANN** - On December 30th 1986, at the Miami Heart Institute in Miami, Florida, Philip B. Retired Chairman of the board and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Funeral services were held in Miami on January 1st and memorial services were held in Miami on January 2nd and New Brunswick, New Jersey on January 9th. Surviving are his wife Georgia Hofmann of Indian Creek Village, *Miami, Florida*, Judy Hofmann Richter of Bedford, New York; Carol Hofmann Thompson of Colts Neck, New Jersey, and two grandsons.

**IRVINE** - On January 11th, peacefully, Commander Charles Duncan Alexander (Ginger) Irvine, D.S.C., RN rtd, *of Cossack Lane House, Winchester*. Husband of Brenda, father of Sally Clay and step *father of* Terence Hopking and Caroline Dowdall. Funeral service at Southampton Crematorium on Friday 16th January at 1pm. No flowers, instead he would have appreciated donations in his memory to the R.N.L.I. c/o John Steel and Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

**KINNELL** - On December 21st 1986, at home in Somerset, David *Lindsay*. Beloved husband, father, grand father and great grand father.

**LANDER** - *On January 7th 1987, in* hospital, Arthur Valentine Cadell *Lander* in his 83rd year, late of 'Four Winds'. Beloved husband of Margaret and father of John. Thanksgiving Service at Aldenham Church on Monday January 19th at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to E Spark Limited. Tel: Northwood 25372.

**LEWIS** - On January 10th 1987, peacefully, Wilfrid Bennett, C.C., F.R.S., F.R.S.C., at Deep River, Ontario, Canada. In lieu of flowers, donations to Amnesty International and Oxfam are welcome.

**LONG-PRICE** - On *Sunday* January 11th, Suddenly but peacefully at Clearbrook, Llanarthney, Carmarthen, Margery Frances beloved sister of *Rosemary*, Ursula and the late Daphne and dear sister-in-law of the late Arthur Davies Jones. Public funeral Thursday January 15th at *Llanarthney Parish Church at 2pm*. Family flowers only.

**PALMELLA** - On December 20th 1986, peacefully at her home, Quinta do Calhariz, Sesimbra, Portugal. Duchess of, Maria do Carmo.

**PATTISON** - On January 10th, Dorothy Eleanor, F.R.A.M., in her 86th year, at home *in* Chelsea Park Gardens. Much loved by her son Peter and daughter Clare and her grandchildren. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, Putney on Thursday 15th January at 3pm. Family flowers only, *donations to Musicians Benevolent Fund*, 16 Ogle Street, London W1.

**PETTITT** - On January 10th 1987, Albert Victor, aged 94 years, *formerly of Ferndown Dorset, peacefully at* Stoneycrest nursing home, Hindhead. Father of Michael and Heather. Service at Bournemouth crematorium on Thursday January 15th at 3.15pm. Enquiries and flowers to A E Jolliffe and Son, Funeral Directors, 17 Victoria Rd Ferndown. Tel: 0202 872050.

**PUTT** - On January 11th, Peacefully at home after a long illness, Peter Eugene. Beloved husband of Phyllis, father to Christopher, Nigel and Jeremy. Cremation 2.30pm, Friday *January 16th at Upminster* Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to 'The London Hospital Medical College'.

**QUIGLEY** - On January 8th 1987, Dorothy, aged 92 years of Worthing. Beloved wife of the late Dr Patrick J Quigley and a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass at St Mary of the Angels, Richmond Road, Worthing, Sussex. Followed by interment at Durrington Cemetery. Enquiries H D Tribe Ltd, Worthing 34616.

**ROPER** - On January 12th 1987, at Whittingham Hospital, Preston, after a long illness, Margaret, the beloved *wife of the late Captain James Gregson Roper O.B.E., RN, and lov*ing mother and grandmother. Funeral service and interment at Holy Trinity Church, Hoghton, on *Friday at 2pm. Family flowers only* please. Donations if so desired to Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o *Simms Funeral Service, 207, Higher* Walton Road, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.

**SIDKINGS** - On January 9th 1987, peacefully at home, 65 Hookhams Lane, Renhold, Bedford, Laurence John William, T.D., F.I.B., aged 82 years. Dearly beloved husband of Ivy, *dear father of Michael and* David and a much loved grandfather. A private family service will be held at Bedford Crematorium at 2.30pm on Thursday 15th January. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, *for All Saints Church, Renhold may* be sent c/o R. Cirket and Sons, Funeral Directors, Brereton Road, Bedford.

**SMITH** - *On January 12th, peacefully* at Colt, Dartington, Elsie Muriel aged 96, widow of the late Thomas Smith F.R.S., beloved mother of Helen, Ted, *Mary*, Jean and John, grandmother *and* great-grandmother. Funeral service at Dartington Church at 10am on Saturday January 17th. Family flowers only.

**SUTHERLAND** - On January 12th 1987 at the Southern General Hospital, Glasgow peacefully after a short illness, Muriel Hamilton, much loved *wife of Arthur Mackenzie* Sutherland of Bearsden. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar on Friday 16th January at 11.30 am. No flowers please.

**SWANN** - On January 9th 1987, Trudy Geraldine Swann (née Gardner) beloved wife of Christopher and mother of Alexander and Daniel. Cremation Service at Golders Green on Tuesday January 20th at 12.30pm (West Chapel). Flowers may be sent to Leverton and Sons, 212 Eversholt St, NW1 by 11am.

**VENABLES** - On January 10th, at home at Liphook, Gilbert Henry DSO., OBE, formerly Commander (E) RN, of Rake, aged 82. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium 12.00 noon on Friday 16th January. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Liss Heart Trust.

**VON FURER-HAIMENDORF** - On January 11th 1987, *suddenly in* Hyderabad, Elizabeth (Betty) beloved wife of Christoph, dearly loved mother of Nicholas and loving grandmother of Christopher and Max. Cremation has taken place in India. Memorial service to be announced later.

**WARBURTON** - On January 10th 1987, peacefully, Margaret Elizabeth, aged 92 years, of Wigthorpe House, Wigthorpe, Worksop. Widow of Alfred Victor and much loved mother of Arthur and Margaret. Funeral private.

**WILES** - On January 12th peacefully at St Lukes Home, Oxford, Stella, Lady Wiles, widow of the late Sir Harold Wiles, K.B.E., C.B. Funeral at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford at 12.30 pm on Friday January 16th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St. Lukes Home, Latimer *Road, Oxford*.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

**DENBY** - A memorial service for Sir Richard Denby is to take place at Ilkley Parish Church, on Friday 20th February at 12.30pm.

**GLOVER** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Gerald Glover, will be held at Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London W1, on Friday 30th January at 11.30am.

## IN MEMORIAM - WAR

**STOPFORD** - 'Charlie' Remembered with loving pride and gratitude by all his family.

## IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

**BALLANCE** - Jonathan, beloved of Derek and Eileen, brother of Michael. Died 13th January 1967, aged 15 years.

**MEGALLY** - Nargues-Nancy. In constant loving memory, deeply missed by family and friends. God rest your soul in His eternal peace.

# School announcements

**Bethany School**
Lent Term at Bethany School begins today and ends on March 28. Ramon Badalbit continues as head of school. After three months the school appeal has reached £100,000 and will remain open for another two months. Three new squash courts will be opened on January 18 with an exhibition match by Mr Gawain Briars and Mr Mike Westrup. Bethany's music school has also been completed and an official opening will be arranged later in the term. The school's production of *Oliver* will be on February 11 and 12. The entrance examination takes place on March 7.

**Bromsgrove School**
Lent Term at Bromsgrove School began on Monday, January 12. Henry Longden is head boy and Helen Cooper is head girl. The Duke of Gloucester will address the Bromsgove Society in Routh Hall on January 21. Old Bromsgrovians day is on March 17. The choral society will perform Haydn's *Creation on* March 22 in the memorial chapel. There are open days for the lower school on January 24 and for the upper school on February 7. The Old Bromsgrovian dinner is on Saturday, March 28. *Term ends on* March 25.

**Colfe's School**
Spring Term at Colfe's School began on Monday, January 12 and will end on April 2. Half-term is from February 23 to 24. David Williams is captain of football. The choral society performs Haydn'd *Nelson Mass* and Fauré's *Requiem* at Southwark Cathedral on March 31. Entrance examinations are on January 24. The sixth form play will be presented on March 20 and 21. The Bishop of Southwark will visit on March 12.

**Eton College**
Eton College opens today for the Lent Half. There are 1,273 boys in the school. D.J. Sladden, KS, is the new captain of the school and W.J.C. Christopherson, OS, *continues as captain of the* Oppidans. Long leave will be from February 20 to 24. The Bishop of Lincoln, the Visitor, will officiate at services of confirmation in the college chapel on March 14 and 15. Industrial week starts on March 16 and the school closes on March 24.

**Kimbolton School**
Spring Term at Kimbolton School begins today. Confirmation will be taken by the Bishop of Huntingdon on Sunday, February 15. Entrance exams will take place on March 7. Applications for exams, scholarships and bursaries should be sent to the headmaster by the end of January.

The governors have appointed Mr R.V. Peel, at present senior House Master at Trent College, to replace the current headmaster, Mr D.W. Donaldson, on September 1, 1987.

**King's School, Bruton**
Easter Term at King's School, Bruton, started on January 7. The new extension to Lyon House will be opened on Saturday, March 14, by Mr Rupert Martin, headmaster from 1937-1946. There are three other reunion days for old boys during the term. The appeal total to date stands at £195,000.

**Malvern College**
Lent Term at Malvern College began on Monday, January 12. D.R. Hunt is senior chapel prefect and F.J.L. Smith is junior chapel prefect. The half term exeat is from February 14 to 18. The entrance scholarship examination takes place from March 2 to 4 and entries close on February 9. The examination for the sixth form scholarship is on March 7 and entries close on February 20. The combined choral societies of the college and Malvern Girls' College will perform the *St John Passion* in the Winter Gardens on Friday, March 27, and term ends on March 28.

**Queenswood School, Hatfield**
Spring Term at Queenswood School begins today and ends on Wednesday March 25. There will be a performance of Verdi's *Requiem Mass* by Queenswood and Oundle School at Peterborough Cathedral on Tuesday, March 24. The Old Queenswoodian annual meeting at Queenswood on Friday, June 26, will be followed by a dinner of Old Queenswoodians in honour of Miss E.M. Effame. The Old Queenswoodian Association will send details in the spring news letter.

**Ruthin School**
The Duke of Westminster has accepted the invitation to become Patron of Ruthin School. Sir William Gladstone has been elected chairman of the board of governors. The sixth form scholarship examination for boys and girls will be held on March 12 and the scholarship examination for boys aged 11 to 13 will be held on March 13. Applications for entry should reach Ruthin School, Clwyd, LL15 1EE, by February 28.

***St Audries School***
Spring Term at St Audries School begins today and ends on March 26. Scholarship examinations will be held on Thursday, January 29. The confirmation service will be in Wells Cathedral on Friday, March 6, with the Bishop of Taunton officiating. There will be a concert of sacred music on March 25.

**St Felix School, Southwold**
Spring Term at St Felix School, Southwold, begins today with Sarah-Jane Edmonds as head of school and Tami Umemura as second head. The confirmation service will take place in the school chapel on March 13 and the new centre for science, computing and craft, design and technology will be officially opened on March 25 by the retiring headmistress, Mrs Anne Mustoe. The new headmistress, Miss Margaret Claydon, takes up her appointment at the beginning of the Summer Term.

**St Lawrence College**
Lent Term at St Lawrence College began on January 6 and ends on March 20. Jonathan Miller is head of school and Alison Smith, head girl. The Right Rev Lord Coggan will officiate at a confirmation on February 22. The sixth form scholarships and places examination is on February 10 and 11 and the preparatory schools learning activities day is on March 10. Old Lawrentian day, beginning with a service in the chapel, is on March 15. A new language laboratory and computing network will be opened this term. The preparatory schools hockey festival takes place at the college from March 23 to 25. The 1st XI will be at the Oxford Hockey Festival from March 22 to 25.

**St Leonards School, St Andrews**
Term at St Leonards School, St Andrews, Fife, begins today and ends on Wednesday, March 25. Half term is from Friday, February 20, to Tuesday, February 24. The music scholarship examination will take place on Saturday, February 28, and the academic scholarship examination and interviews will be on Saturday, March 7. Applications should be made to the headmistress, in writing, by Saturday, February 14.

**The King's School, Canterbury**
Lent Term at The King's School, Canterbury, begins today. The craft, design and technology centre will be opened by Lord Dainton on Friday, January 30. The Archbishop will hold a confirmation for the school in the cathedral on February 15. Term will end on March 26.

**Westminster School**
Lent Term at Westminster School begins today. There are 852 members of the school, 588 in the great school and 264 in the under school. Exeat is from February 13 to 17. The Tizard lecture will be given by Sir Rex Richards on February 19 and the school concert will take place on February 27. The Right Rev Launcelot Fleming will officiate at the confirmation service in Westminster Abbey on March 11. Term ends on March 20.

# PERSONAL COLUMNS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AGNEW nee DUNCAN, ALICE GLADYS AGNEW nee DUNCAN, OTHERWISE GLADYS ALICE AGNEW nee DUNCAN WIDOW** late of 2 Westfield Close, Patcham, Brighton, Sussex died in Brighton on 31 December 1985.
(Estate about £81,000)

**DALTREY - RONALD ROBERT DALTREY** late of 11 Walnut Way, Swanley, Kent, died there, on or before 21st June 1986.
(Estate about £38,000)

**MORLEY nee BAILEY MAY ROSETTA MORLEY otherwise MAY MORLEY nee BAILEY WIDOW** late of 58 Tasker House, Dovehouse Mead, Barking, Essex died there, on 26th March 1986.
(Estate about £10,000)

**SMITH, TERENCE SMITH** late of 27 Bronwen Court, Grove End Road, St. Johns Wood, London NW8 died in Kensington, London W10, on 14th March 1986.
(Estate about £11,500)

**WITHAM, nee SHUTTLEWORTH VIOLET ANNIE WITHAM otherwise VIOLET WITHAM, nee SHUTTLEWORTH WIDOW**, late of 81 Dukinfield Road, Hyde, Cheshire died at Hyde, on 1st May 1986.
(Estate about £18,400)

**WRIGHT HORACE ALBERT WRIGHT OTHERWISE ALBERT HORACE WRIGHT** late of 149 Sherwood Park Avenue, Sidcup, Kent died at Sidcup, on 16th April 1986.
(Estate about £26,000)

**YOUNG HAROLD SAMUEL YOUNG** late of Steephill Guest House, Steephill Court Road, St Lawrence, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, died there, on 30th July 1986.
(Estate about £90,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

**INFORMATION** sought Salvation Army-sponsored emigration to Australia 1905-1912, especially of Annie Mannion born 23/8/1891 Northwich, Cheshire. S. Army records destroyed W. War II. Contact: V. Barry, 84 Western Road, Bletchley MK2 2PT or (0226) 221487.

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## *PUBLIC NOTICES*

CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974

### CONTROL OF POLLUTION (EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN DISCHARGES FROM CONTROL) (VARIATION) ORDER 1986

Under Section 32 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 water authority consent must be obtained for discharges of trade and sewage effluent etc. to rivers, coastal waters and specified underground waters.

The Control of Pollution (Exemption of Certain Discharges from Control) Order 1983 permitted certain discharges to be continued for a temporary period without consent after Section 32 came into force. The permitted discharges were described in the Schedule to the Order.

The above Order, which came into operation on 15 October 1986, withdraws many of the exemptions with effect from 15 October 1987 by substituting a new and more limited Schedule to the 1983 Order. The effect of the above Order will be that all previously unconsented discharges of trade or sewage effluent etc. to rivers, coastal waters or specified underground waters which commenced before 4 July 1984 will now require the appropriate Authority's consent.

The Order also contains transitional arrangements which provide that if an application for consent is made to the appropriate Authority before 15 October 1987 the discharge can lawfully be continued until consent is either refused or granted subject to conditions or unconditionally.

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**January 1987.**

SEVERN TRENT WATER

# Sogat '82 votes against 58p levy

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dispute, which is nearing its first anniversary.

Its most likely course of action will be to discontinue the payment of £6 a week to the former employees of News International who went on strike and were dismissed.

Miss Dean had campaigned hard in favour of a levy and had based her personal reputation on the result. She appealed to her members with the emotional plea to "help save the union we all love and need".

After the result, she said: "We have to accept that this is a democratic view of our members. It is not as high a turn out as one would wish, but nearly half the members have voted and the result is clear.

"It is perhaps a further example of the north/south divide. Down here, we do not always appreciate the hardship that our members have . . . There have been many redundancies and other cuts to retain printing capacity and to many Sogat members, 58p a week is a big sum to find. That is what I think our people are telling us."

A spokesman for News International said: "This is clear evidence that the strike against us does not have anything like the full support of Sogat members.

"The membership outside the London area has never supported the dispute. Hopefully, today's vote will persuade the miniority still taking part to see the futility of their action."

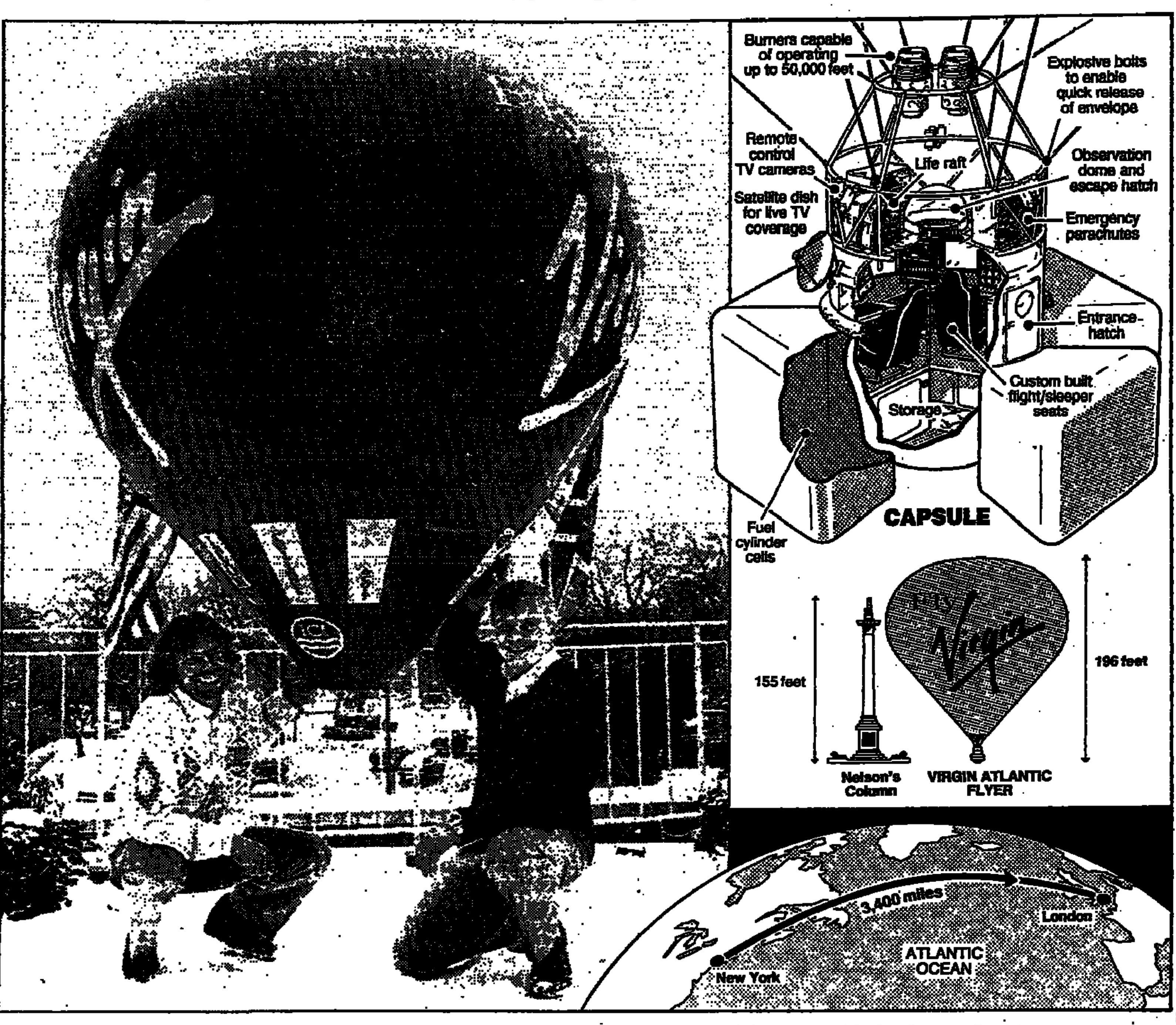
In spite of the emotion engendered by the dispute, Miss Dean must have realized she was embarking on a gamble because there is a traditional enmity between Sogat members in the provinces and their city cousins, whom they regard as "London fat cats".

In addition, hundreds of provincial members of Sogat have ignored union instructions by helping distribute *The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun* and the *News of the World*.

Miss Dean and her executive had the choice, under union rules, of imposing a levy for 26 weeks. Instead, she decided to place her personal authority behind a ballot.

In a pamphlet to all members, she said the union owed more than £1.5 million due to sequestration and other legal costs and something like £1 million in dispute benefits.

# Branson bid to balloon across Atlantic


Burners capable of operating up to 50,000 feet
Explosive bolts to enable quick release of envelope
Remote control TV cameras
Life raft
Observation dome and escape hatch
Satellite dish for live TV coverage
Emergency parachutes
Entrance hatch
Storage
Custom built flight/sleeper seats
Fuel cylinder cells
CAPSULE
155 feet
196 feet
Virgin
Nelson's Column
VIRGIN ATLANTIC FLYER
3,400 miles
London
ATLANTIC OCEAN
New York

Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand yesterday with a model of the world's largest hot air balloon, which they hope to fly this summer

By Nicholas Beeston

**Richard Branson, the airline and pop music entrepreneur, yesterday unveiled plans to fly the first hot air balloon across the Atlantic this summer and was challenged to a race by a rival British balloonist.**

**Speaking at the Royal Aeronautical Society in London, Mr Branson said that the £750,000 project involved building the world's largest balloon - taller than Nelson's Column' — which would be blown from New York to England by the Atlantic jet stream in three days.**

**The balloon will be crewed by Mr Per Lindstrand, a Swedish-born balloonist, and co-piloted by Mr Branson, who only gained his pilot's license on Monday.**

**As Mr Branson was announcing his ambition to be the first man across the Atlantic in a hot air balloon, Donald Cameron, a rival British balloonist, gatecrashed the Virgin Atlantic launch and announced that he was challenging Mr Branson to a race.**

**Mr Cameron, who owns Cameron balloons of Bristol, piloted the 1978 Zanussi balloon which fell into the Atlantic 100 miles short of its objective. Three helium balloons have crossed the ocean since 1978, but no one has attempted a hot air crossing.**

**Mr Cameron presented a written challenge suggesting that both balloons fly from St John's, Newfoundland, and Mr Branson said he would consider the offer.**

**Both sides are hoping to launch their balloons about June 21, when the daylight hours will help their solar heating system keep the air inside the balloon envelope.**

**The Virgin Atlantic attempt, which will be televised, will involve the two airmen being confined to a pressurized capsule suspended beneath the balloon, which will be kept at an altitude of 20,000-30,000 feet.**

**In the event of an accident, the crew would have the option of remaining in the capsule and floating down to the water by parachute, or of opening the escape hatch and free-falling by parachute. Both men will have parachute training in the coming months.**

# Call to increase grants

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the real value of the student grant had fallen by 14.5 per cent since 1979, the committee says it doubts if this is an adequate way of calculating student needs.

The report says: "The particular combination of costs which students incur — books, accommodation, travel and so on — is different from the cost of living of the population generally."

It recommends that a "student index" should be devised and regularly published to "provide an independent guide to students and their parents of the costs they might expect to incur".

Concern about the impact on parents of their expected contribution to their children's upkeep is expressed. The contribution is assessed by a means test and its level has risen sharply in recent years, but there is no legal requirement on parents to pay it. An estimated 40 per cent default in whole or in part.

The committee argues that access to higher education needs to be widened if the supply of skilled manpower is to keep pace with demand and if opportunities for working class children are to be increased.

## Frank Johnson in the Commons

# MPs stranded by verbal blizzards

The cold spell brought traffic chaos to the House yesterday. Delays and cancellations disrupted questions, points of order and heckles on regular issues such as the rate support grant, and whether Sir Roger Hollis was a Soviet agent.

Instead, the Opposition front bench wanted to blame Mrs Thatcher for the effect of the weather on the needy old folk and others. So, for long stretches during peak question time yesterday, the only service running was Labour's Hypothermia Special - the veteran wordplough driven by Mr Neil Kinnock. Hundreds of MPs, who wanted to raise other subjects, were stranded.

Why is it that this happens in Britain every time we experience heavy snow? One snowfall disrupts the entire House of Commons. Surely we should be able to organize things so that our politicians could rave about hypothermia without having to cancel their normal services on spies, etc.

Worst hit yesterday was Mr Tony Benn, aged 61. He intervened during exchanges which had begun when Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked the first Prime Ministerial question of the day. Normally, that is what is known as "an open question", one which enables any MP who can catch the Speaker's eye to raise with the Prime Minister virtually any subject.

Mr Benn asked about Suez. But it was just his luck that Mr Dalyell had asked her a specific question: something or other about the spy case in Australia. Mr Benn could therefore only ask about that. When he started asking about Suez, the Speaker intervened to tell him that it was not an open question, but a question about the spy case in Australia.

Being a skilful parliamentarian, Mr Benn recovered quickly and suggested that Suez was pertinent to the spy case in Australia because his question was about the revelation in the newly-released 1956 Cabinet papers that British agents had contemplated assassinating President Nasser. A good try, but the Speaker still disallowed the question. On a normal day, the Labour Party would have organized an uproar against the Chair's ruling.

After many minutes of backbench protest, Mr Kinnock himself would have plunged in with a point of order, containing many subclauses, to the effect that Mrs Thatcher owed an explanation of this murky business to the House, the nation, the public, the British people, the Egyptian people, the bar of world opinion, and President Nasser's relatives. The Speaker might have relented and allowed the question.

But not yesterday. Routine Labour conspiracy theories about assassinations and British intelligence plots are expected to be cancelled or postponed for at least a week, bringing misery and long waits to hundreds of Labour paranoids.

Before Mrs Thatcher arrived, Mr John Major, the Minister for Social Security, announced what was happening about the severe weather payments: the system, introduced by this Government, whereby if the temperature falls to an average of minus 1.5 degrees celsius in any week, the needy old folk and others would get an extra £5 for that week. Mr Major said that they would get their £5 whatever the average was for this week.

Mrs Thatcher walked into a verbal blizzard moving in from South Wales. Mr Kinnock told her that the announcement by the minister was "an admission of utter incompetence. . . grossly inadequate. . . pathetically bad system. . . are we to await weekly announcements by ministers so that the old an the cold can live? (Labour backbenchers very pleased with that touch) . . ."

Mrs Thatcher kept saying that there were no severe weather payments under the last Government. Mr Kinnock kept getting up and saying such things as people at risk not wanting "distorted history lessons from the Prime Minister," and why didn't she answer his question about weekly announcements from the minister, and "how many old people have to die before she changes the system?" (Renewed Labour glee.)

In the end he announced that today's debate, on a subject chosen by the Opposition, would be about "the condition of the old and the cold". So conditions in the House are expected to last for the whole of today.

# THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

## Today's events

### Royal engagements

Princess Anne attends a dinner given by the Ambassador of Qatar at his residence, 8.30.

### New exhibitions

RIBA Competition, exhibition of winning entries for design of new Aston University Centre, Ibstock Brickwork Design Centre, Leigh House, 32 St Pauls Street, Leeds, Mon to Fri 9 to 4 (ends Jan 30).

American Views II Shifting Images: Drawings and Photographs by Neville Smith: The Gallery, Leeds University, Mon to Fri 10 to 5 (ends Feb 12).

Exhibition of Sculpture by Jonathan Mulvancy, Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 5 (ends Jan 31).

Royal Air Force Museum loan exhibition of paintings, drawings and watercolours; Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb St, SW1, Mon to Fri 10 to 6 (ends Feb 13).

State of the Art: contemporary visual arts; ICA, The Mall, SW1, Mon to Sun 12 to 8 (ends Mar 1).

Photographs by Irving Penn; 20th Century Exhibition Gallery: Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Rd, SW7, Mon to Thur and Sat 10 to 5.50, Sun 2.30 to 5.50, closed Fri (ends Mar 8).

Incidentally: Work by students from Goldsmiths' College, The Gallery, Lewisham Way, New Cross, SE14, Mon to Fri 4 to 7, Sat and Sun 12 to 5 (ends Feb 13).

Patrick Millard, 1902-1977; Christopher Hull Gallery, 17 Motcomb St, SW1, Mon to Fri 10 to 6, Sat 10 to 1 (ends Feb 7).

### Exhibitions in progress

Arts Council Exhibition: Narrative Paintings; Castle Museum, Nottingham, Mon to Sun 10 to 4.45 (ends Feb 8).

### Music

Lunchtime organ recital by Thomas Trotter: Birmingham Town Hall, 1.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Celebrity Concert with Thomas Allen; Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre, 7.30.

Fools Paradise by Kneehigh Theatre: St Lukes Theatre, Exeter University, 7.30.

Medici Quartet; Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, W1, 7.30.

Concert by English Chamber Orchestra (Mozart, Beethoven), Barbican Hall, Silk St, EC2, 7.45.

London Festival Ballet *The Nutcracker*; Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1, 7.30.

Clive Gregson and Christine Collister; Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1, 8.

Organ Recital by Roger Sayer; St Bride's, Fleet Street, EC4, 1.15

### Talks, films and lectures

Royal Photographic Society Members' Print and Slide Evening: MAPS Rooms, Platt Chapel, Wilmslow Road, Rusholme, Manchester, 8.

The Polar Trek '86: Lecture by Sir Ranulph Fiennes; St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff, 7.30.

Lecture by Dr M Pointer (Kodak Ltd); Large Lecture Theatre, Physics Poynting Building, University of Birmingham, 11.

Talk on Grouse and Moorlands, by Dr Peter Hudson; Balavil Sports Hotel, Newtonmore, 7.30.

Rodin Lectures; Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1, 5.45

The Formal Garden by J. Harris; The Linnean Society, Burlington House, W1, 6.

### General

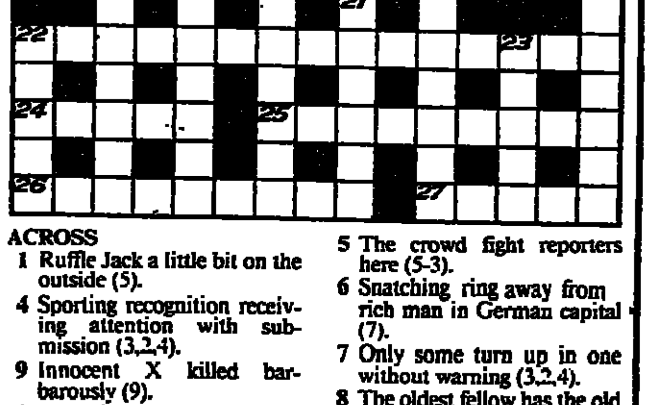
Caravan, Camping and Holiday Exhibition, Exhibition Centre, Bristol, Wed and Thur 12 to 8, Fri 12 to 9, Sat 12 to 8, Sun 10 to 6 (ends Jan 18).

Musical: *The Blue Angel*; Bristol Old Vic; Mon to Wed 7.15, Thur to Sat 7.45 (ends Jan 24).

Reunion HMS Hurricane and Survivors; London Boat Show, Earl's Court, SW15.

International Confex '87; Business Design Centre, London, (ends Jan 16).

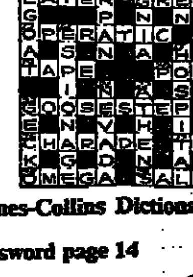
## The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,253



ACROSS
1 Ruffle Jack a little bit on the outside (5).
4 Sporting recognition receiving attention with submission (3,2,4).
9 Innocent X killed barbarously (9).
10 Blooming like a shot? (5).
11 In a nudist camp, one can't stay calm (4,4,5,2).
12 Wipe the floor with paste (6).
14 In hiding, little boy is doomed (8).
17 A doctor can be so humane (8).
19 Advise them to save (6).
22 Bad stenches been hid away from the public? (6,3,6).
24 Seeing that, detectives rejected a means of detection (5).
25 Revictual, making a profit out of it somehow (9).
26 It gives an impression of wetness round a river (4-5).
27 Subject article to me (5).

DOWN
1 Sailor on boat in a topper (4,5).
2 New union member has the right to stay outside (5).
3 Little boy has receipts drawn out (7).
4 In which I seldom cheat (6).
5 The crowd fight reporters here (5-3).
6 Snatching ring away from rich man in German capital (7).
7 Only some turn up in one without warning (3,2,4).
8 The oldest fellow has the old fellow around (5).
13 Did without a draft to produce a final version (7,2).
15 Syrian ornament (9).
16 Chap, to work on the land, needs a covering for the head (8).
18 Ineffectual people, those you spurn ultimately, have such trouble (7).
20 Bent penny dropped in entrance (7).
21 Bird ending in 26 (6).
22 Make play (5).
23 It's simple getting close to a girl, some say (5).

**Solution to Puzzle No 17,252**



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STRIPLING■ARGUS
C■O■E■N■A■P■A■P
ARBUTUS■REPULSE
P■O■E■I■D■E■L■A
EATER■GRENADIER
G■■■P■N■N■L■V■■
OPERATIC■■■WASP
A■S■N■A■H■T■N■E
TAPE■■■POLESTAR
■■I■N■K■S■A■■■I
GOOSESTEP■REMUS
E■N■V■H■I■D■O■T
CHARADE■TARDILY
K■G■D■N■A■O■S■L
OMEGA■SALTPETRE
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**Qualifying puzzle for The Times-Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship tomorrow.**

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## Books — hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

**Ben Jonson**, by Peter Womack (Blackwell, £15, paperback £4.50)

**Blessèd Assurance**, At Home with the Bomb in Amarillo, Texas, by A.G. Mojtabai (Secker & Warburg, £10.95)

**Howl**, draft facsimile, transcript, and variants, by Allen Ginsberg, edited by Barry Miles (Viking, £14.95)

**Poets and Emperors**, Frankish Politics and Carolingian Poetry, by Peter Goodman (Oxford, £25)

**The Explorer in English Fiction**, by Peter Knox-Shaw (Macmillan, £27.50)

**The Mental and the Material**, by Maurice Godelier (Verso, £27.95)

**The Special Relationship**, Anglo-American Relations since 1945, edited by Wm. Roger Louis and Hedley Bull (Oxford, £35)

**The State of the Art**, Ideas & Images in the 1980s, by Sandy Nairne (Chatto & Windus, £19.95, paperback £12.95)

**Three Wise Men**, Architects of the American Century, by Walter Isaacson and Evan Thomas (Faber, £15.95)

**Victor Gollancz**, a biography, by Ruth Dudley Edwards (Gollancz, £20) PH

## Roads

**London and South-east:** A219: Delays as southbound traffic reduced to single line in Fulham Palace Rd near junction with Cloncurry St. **A13:** Delays and lane closures between Masefield Gdns and Jenkins Ln at Newham Way, Barking. **A323:** Diversions for southbound traffic at Reading Road N, Fleet.

**The Midlands:** M5: Work between junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester N) with single lane traffic southbound and exit slip road at junction 6 and entry slip at junction 5 closed. **A456:** Peak hour delays W of Bewdley, Hereford and Worcester. **A53:** Delays between Hodnet and Tern Hill, and Shrewsbury and Newcastle-under-Lyme.

**The North:** M1: Work at junctions 31 to 33 (Worksop/Rotherham) with slip roads at junction 31 and M1/M18 link closed at times. **M63 Greater Manchester:** Restrictions at junctions 1 to 7 (M62/Sale) due to widening of Barton Bridge. **A49:** Carriageway closures due to work at Warrington Bridge, Cheshire.

**Wales and the West:** A40: Road closure and diversions due to subsidence near Huntley, Gloucestershire. **A38:** Lane closures at Haldon Hill between Exeter and Plymouth, Devon. **A37:** Work between Dorchester and Yeovil at Heartsbreak Hill, Dorset, with 24 hour lights.

**Scotland:** M8: Work between junctions 17 and 15 (Glasgow City/Dumbarton) with eastbound lane closure. **M80:** Works with northbound lane closures between junctions 5 and 9. **A82:** Single line traffic with temporary lights S of Invergarry, Invernesshire.

## Parliament today

**Commons (2.30):** Opposition motion on old people and cold weather.

**Lords (2.30):** Debates on contrast in prosperity between the South-east and other regions and on Britain's commitment to international institutions. Licensing (Restaurant) Meals Bill, committee.

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## Anniversaries

Births: **Henri Fantin-Latour**, painter, Grenoble, 1836; **Pierre Loti**, novelist, Rochefort, France, 1850; **Albert Schweitzer**, musician, doctor, and missionary, Nobel Peace laureate 1952, Kaysensberg, France, 1875.

Deaths: **Edmond Halley**, astronomer, London, 1742; **Jean Ingres**, painter, Paris, 1867; **Lewis Carroll**, Guildford, 1898; **Humphrey Bogart**, Hollywood, 1957; **Peter Finch**, Los Angeles, 1977.

## The pound

| | Bank Buys | Bank Sells |
|---|---|---|
| Australia $ | 2.36 | 2.24 |
| Austria Sch | 20.40 | 19.30 |
| Belgium Fr | 61.60 | 58.20 |
| Canada $ | 2.105 | 2.015 |
| Denmark Kr | 11.15 | 10.55 |
| Finland Mkk | 7.35 | 6.85 |
| France Fr | 9.70 | 9.20 |
| Germany Dm | 2.925 | 2.765 |
| Greece Dr | 234 | 214 |
| Hong Kong $ | 11.92 | 11.32 |
| Ireland Pt | 1.09 | 1.03 |
| Italy Lira | 2085 | 1955 |
| Japan Yen | 244.50 | 230.50 |
| Netherlands Gld | 3.285 | 3.105 |
| Norway Kr | 11.23 | 10.63 |
| Portugal Esc | 218 | 209 |
| South Africa Rd | 4.35 | 3.55 |
| Spain Pta | 198.25 | 188.25 |
| Sweden Kr | 10.31 | 9.76 |
| Switzerland Fr | 2.435 | 2.305 |
| USA $ | 1.548 | 1.478 |
| Yugoslavia Dnr | 880 | 740 |

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 391.7

London: The *FT* index closed up 4.5 at 1393.9.

Portfolio Gold

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No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.
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## WEATHER

**There will be outbreaks of snow in some southern and eastern districts of Britain giving further accumulations. Central and western areas will have snow showers and some brighter intervals. In northern and western parts of Scotland together with N Ireland, snow showers will be isolated with the best of any sunshine. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Continuing very cold with further snow at times in the south and east.**

## HIGH TIDES

| TODAY | AM | HT | PM | HT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| London Bridge | 1.19 | 6.4 | 1.42 | 6.4 |
| Aberdeen | 12.53 | 3.7 | 1.03 | 4.0 |
| Avonmouth | 6.49 | 12.0 | 7.13 | 12.0 |
| Belfast | 10.42 | 3.3 | 11.04 | 3.0 |
| Cardiff | 6.34 | 11.1 | 6.58 | 11.1 |
| Devonport | 5.18 | 5.1 | 5.41 | 5.0 |
| Dover | 10.48 | 6.0 | 11.11 | 6.3 |
| Falmouth | 4.48 | 4.9 | 5.11 | 4.8 |
| Glasgow | 12.23 | 4.3 | 12.17 | 4.7 |
| Harwich | 11.36 | 3.5 | 11.51 | 3.6 |
| Holyhead | 10.03 | 5.2 | 10.23 | 5.0 |
| Hull | 6.01 | 6.4 | 6.14 | 6.7 |
| Ilfracombe | 5.32 | 8.2 | 5.54 | 8.2 |
| Leith | 2.11 | 4.9 | 2.31 | 5.0 |
| Liverpool | 10.55 | 8.6 | 11.13 | 8.5 |
| Lowestoft | 9.28 | 2.1 | 9.19 | 2.3 |
| Margate | 11.46 | 4.3 | 11.57 | 4.5 |
| Milford Haven | 5.58 | 6.3 | 6.15 | 6.2 |
| Newquay | 4.47 | 6.3 | 5.05 | 6.3 |
| Oban | 5.25 | 3.6 | 5.54 | 3.6 |
| Penzance | 4.16 | 5.2 | 4.37 | 5.1 |
| Portland | 6.24 | 1.9 | 6.56 | 1.7 |
| Portsmouth | 11.03 | 4.3 | 11.33 | 4.3 |
| Shoreham | 10.48 | 5.6 | 11.19 | 5.7 |
| Southampton | 10.31 | 4.1 | 11.03 | 4.2 |
| Swansea | 5.58 | 8.5 | 6.19 | 8.5 |
| Tees | 3.15 | 4.8 | 3.29 | 5.1 |
| W'lton-on-Nze | 11.32 | 3.7 | 11.46 | 3.8 |

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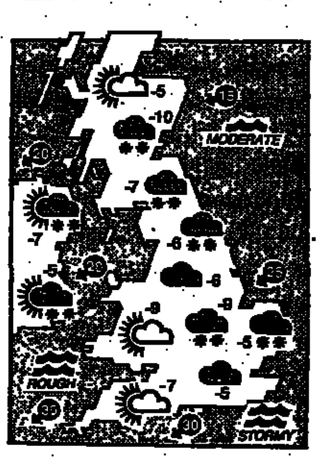

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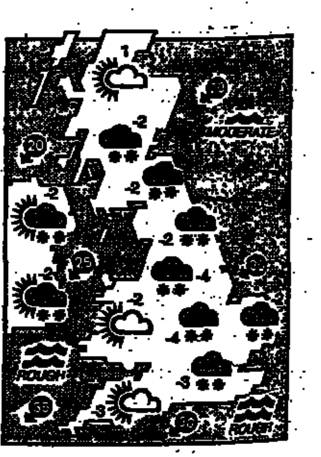


## LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.49 pm to 7.30 am
Bristol 4.59 pm to 7.40 am
Edinburgh 4.38 pm to 8.04 am
Manchester 4.48 pm to 7.48 am
Penzance 5.16 pm to 7.46 am

## YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

| | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belfast | sn | -3 | 27 | Guernsey | c | -5 | 23 |
| B'mghem | sn | -5 | 23 | Inverness | sn | -5 | 23 |
| Blackpool | f | -3 | 27 | Jersey | f | -4 | 25 |
| Bristol | f | -5 | 23 | London | sn | -5 | 23 |
| Cardiff | f | -5 | 23 | M'chster | f | -4 | 25 |
| Edinburgh | c | -2 | 28 | Newcastle | sn | -4 | 25 |
| Glasgow | sn | -4 | 25 | R'nldsway | c | -3 | 27 |

## LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, -3C (27F) ; min 6 pm to 6 am, -8C (18F). Humidity: 6 pm, 93 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.03 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1010.8 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

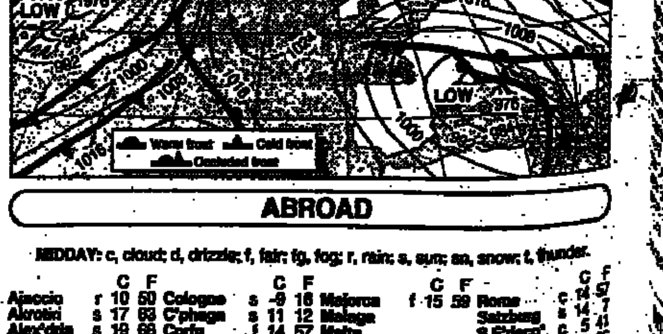
Sun rises: 8.01 am
Sun sets: 4.19 pm
Moon sets 8.20 am
Moon rises 3.12 pm
Full moon tomorrow

## AROUND BRITAIN

| | Sun hrs | Rain in | Max C | Max F | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarboro | * | | | | |
| Bridlington | - | .17 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Cromer | - | - | -1 | 30 | snow |
| Lowestoft | - | .08 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Clacton | - | .17 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Southend | - | .33 | -10 | 19 | snow |
| Margate | * | - | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Folkestone | - | .09 | -5 | 23 | snow |
| Hastings | 0.1 | .18 | -5 | 23 | snow |
| Eastbourne | - | .10 | -10 | 23 | snow |
| Brighton | 2.2 | .13 | -10 | 21 | sn shwr |
| Worthing | 2.9 | .04 | -5 | 23 | bright |
| Littlehmptn | 3.1 | .02 | -10 | 25 | bright |
| Bognor R | 4.6 | .01 | -4 | 25 | bright |
| Southsea | 3.3 | - | -4 | 25 | sunny |
| Sandown | 5.6 | - | -4 | 25 | sunny |
| Shanklin | 4.7 | - | -5 | 23 | sunny |
| Bournemouth | 2.5 | - | -4 | 25 | snow |
| Poole | 2.8 | - | -4 | 25 | snow |
| Swanage | 3.2 | - | -4 | 25 | snow |
| Weymouth | 5.1 | - | -10 | 25 | sunny |
| Exmouth | 4.9 | - | -4 | 25 | sunny |
| Teignmouth | 0.4 | - | -3 | 27 | sunny |
| Torquay | 2.2 | .01 | -3 | 27 | bright |
| Falmouth | * | - | -4 | 25 | sunny |
| Penzance | 7.5 | .06 | -10 | 27 | sunny |
| Scilly Isles | 5.0 | .03 | -2 | 28 | sunny |
| Jersey | 1.5 | .02 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Guernsey | 0.8 | .11 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Newquay | 7.3 | - | -2 | 28 | sunny |
| Ilfracombe | * | - | -2 | 28 | bright |
| B'pool Airpt | 0.3 | - | -3 | 27 | cloudy |
| Morecambe | - | - | -4 | 25 | snow |
| Douglas | - | .08 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| B'ham Airpt | - | .12 | -13 | 23 | snow |
| Bristol (Ctrl) | 1.4 | - | -10 | 27 | snow |
| Carlisle | 1.1 | .16 | -10 | 25 | snow |
| London | 0.1 | .03 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Manchester | - | .01 | -4 | 25 | snow |
| N'cstl-n-Tyne | 0.6 | .13 | -3 | 27 | sn shwr |
| Nottingham | - | .21 | -13 | 23 | snow |
| Anglesey | - | .05 | -2 | 28 | snow |
| Cardiff (Ctrl) | - | - | -10 | 25 | snow |
| Colwyn Bay | * | - | 2 | 36 | cloudy |
| Tenby | 0.3 | - | -3 | 27 | cloudy |
| Aberdeen | 0.5 | .06 | -2 | 28 | snow |
| Edinburgh | 0.8 | .11 | -1 | 30 | sn shwr |
| Eskdalemuir | 1.0 | .23 | -6 | 21 | snow |
| Glasgow | 0.5 | .15 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Kinloss | - | .28 | -11 | 34 | snow |
| Lerwick | - | - | 3 | 37 | snow |
| Prestwick | 1.2 | .11 | -3 | 27 | snow |
| Stornoway | 2.8 | .08 | 3 | 37 | sn shwr |
| Tiree | 3.5 | - | 1 | 34 | snow |
| Wick | 0.1 | .10 | 3 | 37 | snow |
| Belfast | 0.2 | .02 | -2 | 28 | snow |

*Figures not available

## NOON TODAY



## ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

| | | C | F | | | C | F | | | C | F | | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajaccio | r | 10 | 50 | Cologne | s | -9 | 16 | Majorca | f | 15 | 59 | Rome | c | 14 | 57 |
| Akrotiri | s | 17 | 63 | C'phagn | s | 11 | 12 | Malaga | | | | Salzburg | s | 14 | 7 |
| Alex'dria | s | 19 | 66 | Corfu | f | 14 | 57 | Malta | | | | S F'risco* | c | 5 | 41 |
| Algiers | c | 19 | 66 | Dublin | sn | -3 | 27 | Melb'rne | f | 23 | 73 | Santiago* | s | 30 | 86 |
| Amst'dm | sn | -7 | 19 | Dubrovnik | r | 9 | 48 | Mexico C* | s | 14 | 57 | S Paulo* | r | 31 | 88 |
| Athens | s | 16 | 61 | Faro | r | 15 | 59 | Miami* | s | 15 | 59 | Seoul | s | -9 | 16 |
| Bahrain | s | 18 | 64 | Florence | r | 1 | 34 | Milan | c | -4 | 25 | Sing'por | r | 27 | 81 |
| Barbados* | s | 28 | 82 | Frankfurt | s | 11 | 12 | Montreal* | sn | -2 | 28 | S'kholm | s | 17 | 1 |
| Barcelna | s | 12 | 54 | Funchal | f | 19 | 66 | Moscow | sn | 13 | 9 | Strasb'rg | c | 13 | 9 |
| Beirut | | | | Geneva | sn | 10 | 14 | Munich | s | 14 | 7 | Sydney | f | 26 | 79 |
| Belgrade | sn | -9 | 16 | Gibraltar | r | 14 | 57 | Nairobi | f | 26 | 79 | Tangier | th | 15 | 59 |
| Berlin | s | 18 | 0 | Helsinki | s | 22 | -8 | Naples | f | 15 | 59 | Tel aviv | s | 17 | 63 |
| Bermuda* | f | 21 | 70 | Hong K | s | 18 | 64 | N Delhi | s | 21 | 70 | Tenerife | f | 20 | 68 |
| Biarritz | f | 10 | 50 | Innsbrck | f | 15 | 5 | N York* | c | 3 | 37 | Tokyo | | 9 | 48 |
| Borde'x | c | -7 | 19 | Istanbul | s | 12 | 54 | Nice | c | 3 | 37 | Toronto* | s | 2 | 36 |
| Boul'ne | | | | Jeddah | s | 29 | 84 | Oslo | s | 13 | 9 | Tunis | c | 19 | 66 |
| Brussels | f | -8 | 18 | Jo'burg* | f | 27 | 81 | Paris | | | | Valencia | s | 15 | 59 |
| Budapest | sn | 16 | 3 | Karachi | | | | Peking | s | -6 | 21 | Vanc'ver* | f | 7 | 45 |
| B Aires* | s | 30 | 86 | L Palmas | f | 21 | 70 | Perth | s | 33 | 91 | Venice | c | -6 | 21 |
| Cairo | s | 19 | 66 | Lisbon | f | 13 | 55 | Prague | s | 13 | 9 | Vienna | sn | 16 | 3 |
| Cape Tn | f | 24 | 75 | Locarno | c | -3 | 27 | Reykjvik | c | 4 | 39 | Warsaw | s | 20 | -4 |
| C'blanca | c | 17 | 63 | L Angels* | s | 20 | 68 | Rhodes | f | 16 | 61 | Wash'ton* | s | 7 | 45 |
| Chicago* | s | 4 | 39 | Luxembg | s | 11 | 12 | Rio de J | s | 28 | 82 | Wel'gton | d | 20 | 68 |
| Ch'church | s | 24 | 75 | Madrid | f | 8 | 46 | Riyadh | s | 17 | 63 | Zurich | sn | 14 | 7 |

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

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Kenneth Fleet

**STOCK MARKET**

**FT 30 Share**
1393.9 (+4.5)

**FT-SE 100**
1763.3 (+7.7)

**Bargains**
37045 (42778)

**USM (Datastream)**
137.21 (+0.43)

**THE POUND**

**US Dollar**
1.4915 (+0.0015)

**W German mark**
2.7928 (−0.0233)

**Trade-weighted**
68.5 (−0.4)

## 8,000 gas forms 'suspect'

About 8,000 suspected "multiple" applications for the £5.6 billion British Gas flotation have been unearthed after an investigation by the accountancy firm Touche Ross.

They include a number of serious cases which are likely to be referred to the Director of Public Prosecution for possible legal action.

About half the applications which have caused concern were made on the special forms issued to British Gas customers.

Letters requesting an explanation have been sent by Touche Ross and the merchant bank NM Rothschild, who handled the flotation for the Department of Energy.

If satisfactory answers are received applicants will be given their shares. Others will be given back their money, but no interest.

Most suspect applications probably arose out of errors in completing the forms when applying for the shares, it was being stressed last night.

## $67m buys

London & Leeds Corporation, the US property subsidiary of the Ladbroke Group, has bought two freehold office blocks totalling 560,000 sq ft in Rosslyn, Washington DC for $67 million (£45.27 million).

## Profits ahead

London & Clydeside Holdings, the Glasgow-based housebuilder, reported pretax profits for the year to September 30 up from £1.67 million to £1.74 million. Turnover rose 29 per cent from £12.4 million to £16.1 million. A dividend of 4p, making 5.7p for the year, is being paid.

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## Loans record

A record £3.5 billion in mortgage advances, up 52 per cent, helped to boost the Nationwide Building Society's total assets to well over £12 billion last year, an increase of 18.5 per cent.

## Offer raised

Dudley, the private company owned by two West Midlands property developers, has increased its offer for Burns-Anderson to £23.6 million from £21.3 million and declared the offer final.

## Profits record

Hunterprint, the colour printing company, raised pretax profits by 34 per cent last year to a record £3.2 million. Shareholders collect total dividends of 7p a share, an increase of 48 per cent.

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## MARKET SUMMARY

### STOCK MARKETS

| | |
|---|---|
| **New York** | |
| Dow Jones | 2015.19 (+5.77)* |
| **Tokyo** | |
| Nikkei Dow | 18544.05 (−124.97) |
| **Hong Kong:** | |
| Hang Seng | 2590.83 (−24.04) |
| **Amsterdam:** Gen | 268.5 (−0.5) |
| **Sydney:** AO | 1553.6 (+4.0) |
| **Frankfurt:** | |
| Commerzbank | 1895.3 (−29.8) |
| **Brussels:** | |
| General | 3899.65 (+0.61) |
| **Paris:** CAC | 412.6 (same) |
| **Zurich:** SKA Gen | 552.86 (−4.10) |
| **London:** FT. A | n/a |
| FT. Gilts | 84.57 (−0.56) |

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### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11$\frac{1}{16}$-11%
3-month eligible bills: 10$\frac{21}{32}$-$\frac{19}{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6$\frac{3}{8}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.35-5.34%*
30-year bonds 101$\frac{11}{16}$-101$\frac{23}{32}$*

### CURRENCIES

| London: | New York: |
|---|---|
| £: $1.4915 | $: £1.4905* |
| £: DM2.7928 | $: DM1.8755* |
| £: SwFr2.3417 | $: SwFr1.5755* |
| £: FFr9.3368 | $: FFr6.2705* |
| £: Yen232.15 | $: Yen155.80* |
| £: Index:68.5 | $: Index:106.4 |
| ECU £0.733061 | SDR £0.832515 |

### MAIN PRICE CHANGES

| | |
|---|---|
| **RISES:** | |
| ICI | 1184p (+19p) |
| Beecham | 467p (+12p) |
| BP | 784p (+26p) |
| Shell | 1042p (+19p) |
| Whitecroft | 280p (+24p) |
| Wiliams Holdings | 828p (+23p) |
| Brit Areo | 554p (+11p) |
| Bass | 780p (+10p) |
| Anglia TV | 354p (+11p) |
| LWT | 489p (+23p) |
| Reuters | 590p (+11p) |
| Natwest | 559p (+10p) |
| Lilleshall | 210p (+22p) |
| Oakwood | 111p (+18p) |
| Yule Catto & Co | 275p (+14p) |
| Arlington | 201p (+13p) |
| **FALLS:** | |
| Shield | 170p (−20p) |
| Imry Property | 395p (−13p) |
| Woolworth | 686p (−14p) |
| Dixons | 339p (−11p) |

**Prices are as at 4pm**

### GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $406.60 pm-$409.00
close $409.00-409.50 (£274.50-275.00)
New York:
Comex $408.70-409.20*

### NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb.) pm $18.70bbl ($18.80)
* Denotes latest trading price

### Bank announces internal review

# 'No whitewash' at Morgan

By Richard Thomson and Lawrence Lever

Morgan Grenfell announced yesterday that it had launched an internal review of its group structure and management systems in the wake of the DTI's Guinness inquiry. The bank said that a review was needed also because of the severe strain put on its systems by the rapid growth in business over the last two years.

A spokesman described the review, which is headed by Lord Catto, Morgan chairman, as being: "Not a witch hunt but not a whitewash either."

It was an examination of the group's organizational systems and was not specifically aimed at weeding out individual wrong-doers. It could, however, lead to further disciplining of bank staff if misconduct was unearthed in the course of the review.

The review committee, which is expected to report to the bank's board within the next few weeks, held its first meeting on Monday. It is composed of senior Morgan directors including Lord Pennock, Sir Peter Carey, Sir Kenneth Durham and Mr David Palmer.

It is also in consultation with Lord O'Brien, a former governor of the Bank of England, and with Mr Tim Collins, chairman of Guardian Royal Exchange and a former Morgan Grenfell chairman.

Morgans said that the Bank of England, which welcomes the review, is being kept in touch with the committee's findings.

In a separate development, Morgan Grenfell has provided the Department of Trade inspectors investigating Guinness with details of the purchase of 13 million Guinness shares arranged by the bank's former corporate finance expert, Mr Roger Seelig.

The shares are alleged to have been purchased by institutions which were favourable to Guinness under "comfort arrangements" provided by Mr Seelig. The inspectors are examining whether any such arrangements involved formal indemnities or fell short of legally binding undertakings. Mr Seelig was not available for comment yesterday.

Morgan has consistently claimed that Mr Seelig acted without its knowledge or authority — a claim which Guinness hotly denies.

Last year, Morgan Grenfell's corporate finance department came top of the take-over league, advising on 111 deals worth £15 billion, compared with deals worth only £9 billion in 1985.

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## Spotlight on Guinness pair

By Lawrence Lever

The Guinness board will discuss the position of Mr Thomas Ward and Dr Arthur Fürer as non-executive directors of the company at its board meeting today.

The meeting, scheduled to start at 2pm at Guinness's Portman Square headquarters, will not be attended by Mr Ernest Saunders who stepped aside as chairman and chief executive last Friday.

Both Dr Fürer and Mr Ward joined the Guinness board after the appointment of Mr Saunders as chief executive in October 1981. They have both been invited to the meeting but Guinness said yesterday that it had received no indication as to whether they would attend.

Dr Fürer has close links with Mr Saunders by virtue of his directorship of Nestlé — Mr Saunders' former employers.

Dr Fürer was in Switzerland yesterday but unavailable for comment.

A spokesman for Mr Ward said that he was travelling and "had no comment to make at this stage."

In the meantime, Guinness moved quickly yesterday to fill the gap created by the resignation of Mr Olivier Roux on Monday. Mr James Bryant, an executive director of Lazard Brothers, the merchant banker, has been seconded as director of finance to work with the triumvirate of executive directors currently running the company.

The board will discuss the liason between the company and the Department of Trade inspectors. Guinness is keen to have the investigation completed as soon as possible. The DTI has also impressed on the inspectors the need to pursue the investigation quickly.

The board is also likely to disuss the possibility of Argyll and related parties launching a massive lawsuit against the company.

Mr David Webster, the Argyll finance director, had a meeting at the offices of Clifford Turner, the company's solicitors, on Monday to discuss the form and size of any legal action which Argyll and its advisers could take against Guinness.

At the meeting, which was attended also by Samuel Montagu, Argyll's merchant bank, the solicitors said that Argyll, its advisers, together with the core underwriters of the Argyll bid for Distillers and other underwriting institutions may have an action running into hundreds of millions of pounds against Guinness.

Argyll will however await the outcome of the DTI investigation before embarking on legal proceedings.

## Airbus in $2bn joint venture

By Colin Narbrough

Airbus, the European consortium in which British Aerospace is teamed with French, West German and Spanish companies, is setting up a joint venture with the Irish-based Guinness Peat Aviation group to lease A320 short-haul jets to airlines around the world.

Announcing the $2 billion (£1.35 billion) deal in Paris yesterday, Airbus president, M Jean Pierson, said the new venture would purchase 25 Airbus A320s for delivery between 1990 and 1992 and take options on a further 25.

GPA, which last June placed an order for 81 Boeing 737s, will have a majority stake in the joint venture. Airbus, Pacific Western Airlines of Canada and France's Banque Paribas will be minority partners.

With the GPA deal, total firm orders for the A320 now rise to 262, with options on another 170. The A320, due to be in service in early 1980, has a range under 4,000 miles and is capable of carrying 176 passengers.

GPA is aiming by 1990 for a leasing fleet of up to 330 commercial jets.

## Norway to cut oil output by 7.5%

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Norway confirmed yesterday that it will cut its oil production by 7.5 per cent, about 80,000 barrels a day, in the first six months of this year in response to Opec's recent agreement on output quotas but said there was no plan to introduce a fixed price system.

Mr Arne Oeien, the oil and energy minister, said output would be cut from all Norwegian offshore fields including the Statfjord and Murchison fields which straddle the median line with Britain.

The Department of Energy in London said Norway's decision would not effect Conoco, Gulf and Britoil who are the British licencees on the British side of these fields. But Shell, a licencee on the Norwegian side of Statfjord and Murchison, is likely to face a forced reduction.

Britain has always rejected calls for voluntary output restraints and yesterday a department spokesman said there was no reason, nor any intention, to change the policy.

Despite the continuing freezing weather, oil prices weakened slightly yesterday and Brent, for delivery in February, slipped about 10 cents to $18.65 a barrel.

Mr Oeiengave a warning that Norway's cutback could be lifted on short notice if Opec failed to stick to its agreement. Iraq's has already refused to be bound by its limit and there were reports yesterday that the United Arab Emirates were already exceeding their quota.

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### Banks' currency planning made easier

## A capital decision

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

A valuable new banking ploy is already becoming enshrined in British law after a High Court judgment on Monday, making this the only western country to allow this particular wrinkle.

The principle being established is that banks registered in this country can denominate their capital in currencies other than sterling.

The High Court decision to allow Merrill Lynch International and five British subsidiaries of Manufacturers Hanover to convert their capital from pounds into dollars gives further confirmation to a principle laid down in mid-December. Mr Justice Harman then ruled that Scandinavian Bank, the consortium bank based in London, could denominate its capital in a spread of currencies.

In both judgments the court said that the decision did not create automatic precedents. But, taken together, the two cases have more or less established one and opened the door for other banks to follow the same route.

The only exception is that banks incoporated in this country — as opposed to subsidiaries of foreign banks — could not hold all their capital in a foreign currency. To comply with the Companies Act a company must have at least £50,000 of its capital in sterling.

The big advantage for banks in holding capital in other currencies is that the bulk of their assets are almost always in non-sterling currencies, usually dollars.

The subsidiaries of Merrill and ManHan in London hold the great majority of their assets in dollars. Scandinavian Bank took a more sophisticated approach and matched its capital currencies almost exactly to the currencies of its assets.

With this match-up, currency fluctuations will no longer continually affect the prudential capital ratios imposed on banks. In the past a bank's ratio of capital to assets deteriorated as sterling sank in value against the currencies in which the assets were held, forcing them to raise more capital or dispose of assets.

This is no longer necessary, making long-term planning considerably easier. It is also the reason why the Bank of England has been a supporter of multi-currency capital.

The judgments give London an added attraction to institutions looking for a base for their overseas operations.

Nowhere else can give the same protection against today's rapidly fluctating currencies. More foreign banks may now choose to open up shop in the City, but — probably more important — existing banks will convert their capital and then put more of their business through their London offices.

Merrill is leading the way in this. Immediately after the judgment in its favour on Monday it announced that it was lifting the capital of its London subsidiary by $45 million, taking the total to $140 million.

The foreign currency option is also likely to be taken up with alacrity by British banks.

Most merchant banks are probably small enough to aim for a total restructuring of capital much as Scandinavian Bank has done. The clearing banks are too big for this. Rather than undertaking the Herculean task of completely reorganizing their capital, they are more likely to limit themselves to new capital raising in different currencies.

There is, moreover, apparently no reason why ordinary industrial companies cannot take advantage of the rulings and convert their capital. Naturally they have no capital ratios to protect, but there could be considerable benefits for multinationals.

# Pound at low against mark

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound yesterday fell to a record low against the mark as the foreign exchange markets continued to react to the weekend realignment of currencies within the European Monetary System.

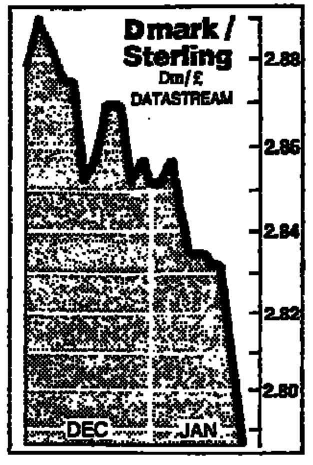
The strength of the mark, which forced the EMS realignment, forced the pound down by nearly three pfennigs and below DM2.80 for the first time. In London it closed at DM2.7924.

The sterling index fell from 68.9 to 68.5 while the pound could only hold steady against the weak dollar, closing at $1.4915.

The weakness of the pound brought a sharp fall in Government bond prices. Long gilts fell by about 1¼ points in active morning trading. Traders cited sterling's vulnerability and fears of a break in the pricing and production accord by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

With US retail sales figures today expected to be a major influence on the market, the dollar fell from DM1.8900 to DM1.8725. It also fell from Yen156.80 to Yen155.65 despite a record $2.5 billion intervention by the Bank of Japan.

The Bundesbank also intervened in support of the dollar, but to little avail. The dollar's continued fall threatens the EMS parities established at the weekend.



The mark climbed to the centre of its new intervention limits against the franc and other countries.

But a realignment of parities would clearly be resisted by the European monetary authorities. A senior European monetary official said yesterday that the cost of attempting to avert the weekend EMS realignment since early December was DM36 billion (£12.9 billion).

Despite the above-target monetary growth in Germany, analysts believe that the Bundesbank will come under increasing pressure to reduce the 3.5 per cent official discount rate.

Yesterday's sterling fall removed hopes of lower interest rates in Britain, which had briefly emerged after the EMS accord. Money market interest rates edged higher.

Bright outlook: Tony Brook, a director of TVS, and James Gatward, chief executive

## TVS tuning in with 62% leap in profits

By Carol Ferguson

Television South, five years old this month, yesterday announced its fourth successive year of profits growth.

The pretax figure for the year to October 31 jumped by 62 per cent to £14.4 million. Turnover rose by 24 per cent to £137.7 million.

Mr James Gatward, chief executive, said that the company had increased its share of the industry's revenue every year since entering the market. Last year it increased its market share from 10.3 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

Mr Gatward said that television industry and advertising agency figures projected between 7 and 8 per cent growth in 1987 revenues for the television industry as a whole.

But he gave a warning that the media rate of inflation was higher, and costs were going up faster. But he said that 1987 prospects at TVS were encouraging.

The US Gilson Corporation, acquired in April, contributed £250,000 to profits for the half-year. Gilson has the distribution rights outside North America for such well-known programmes as Hill Street Blues, Remington Steele, St Elsewhere and Newhart.

The company remains interested in making further acquisitions in the US and Europe.

Mr Gatward said: "Future acquisitions will be in related businesses, in our own area of expertise."

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## Sturge profits rise to £9.5m

Sturge Holdings, the only quoted underwriting agency group at Lloyd's, made pretax profits in the year to the end of September of £9.5 million against £7.36 million the previous year.

The final dividend was increased to 5p net making a total of 8p against 6p.

## SEC promises more shocks in Boesky affair

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Cases of "major proportions" will be announced by the Securities and Exchange Commission when the US Government's investigation of insider trading on Wall Street is finished — probably by spring — according to Mr John Shad, chairman of the SEC.

He confirmed the uneasy speculation on Wall Street that the SEC, with the cooperation of Mr Ivan Boesky and other informers, would implicate other high-ranking officials in the widening scandal.

In response to questions after an appearance in Washington, Mr Shad said: "There will be more shoes to drop in cases of major proportions" which the SEC hopes "to bring to a satisfactory conclusion by the end of springtime."

He indicated that the SEC is prepared to negotiate additional; private settlements with those implicated, similar to the controversial agreement it reached with Mr Boesky who was allowed to sell shares and rearrange his financial holdings prior to the announcment of the government's $100 million case against him.

Mr Shad noted that insider trading cases often drag through the courts for years *unless those charged* are forced to negotiate prior settlments with the government.

The disclosure of additional, large cases surfaced as democrats on Capitol Hill worked to finalize plans for comprehensive hearings which remain unscheduled because of uncertainties over whether Mr Boesky and other key witnesses will testify.

Staffers said they hoped to begin the hearings no later than March.

A new contoversy has arisen over Mr Boesky's activities in attempting to protect his assets from confiscation and claims related to the insider trading charge against him.

Regulatory officials said that he secretly transferred control of an Oklahoma television station to his wife more than two months before the SEC investigation was announced. This was the latest in a series of disclosures about Mr Boesky's attempts to protect his fortune from expected lawsuits.

The government has been heavily criticized for allowing him to profit by hundreds of million of dollars on advance information about his own case.

In recent weeks, after two months of work by the SEC, Wall Street officials familiar with the case have confirmed speculation that Drexel Burnham Lambert remained a primary focus of the probe of the corporate takeover network.

Subpoenas have been issued to Mr Michael Milken, head of the West Coast operations of Drexel, his brother, Mr Lowell Milken who works in the West Coast office, and Mr Martin Siegel, coordinator of Drexel's mergers and acquisitions department.

In addition, several of Wall Street's leading "corporate raiders" have received subpeonas as well as lawyers and other specialists who might have advance public knowledge of takeovers.

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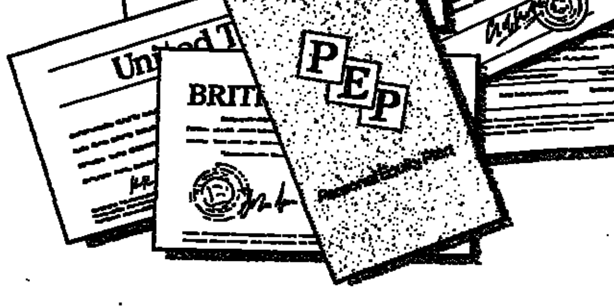

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## WALL STREET

# Shares mixed but Dow edges ahead

**New York (Agencies) – Share prices remained in a mixed pattern in early trading yesterday, with the Dow index higher, but the broader indicators showing a decline.**

**Traders reported that secondary issues, which have set the pace in the New Year rally, experienced profit-taking with those stocks which have risen the most slipping. The Dow Jones industrial average, which was down by as much as 8 points at the opening bell, was up by 2.95 points to 2,012.37.**

**Rising shares outnumbered falling ones by seven to six on a volume of 64 million shares.**

**IBM led the list of active stocks with a decline of two to 118%. Owens-Illinois jumped by 3¼ to 54%, after Kohlberg, Kravis lifted its offer overnight to $60 a share from $55.**

**On Monday, shares extended the New Year rally into its seventh consecutive session. But weakness in IBM and Owens-Illinois – two composites of the Dow average – tempered the enthusiasm.**

**The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 3.51 points, to close at 2,009.42 – another record close.**

| | Jan 12 | Jan 9 | | Jan 12 | Jan 9 | | Jan 12 | Jan 9 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMR | 55% | 56% | Firestone | 29% | 29 | Pfizer | 65% | 65% |
| ASA | 38% | 37% | Fst Chicago | 31¼ | 31% | Phelps Dge | 24 | 23% |
| Aetna Life | 60% | 60% | Fst Int Bncp | 56% | 56 | Philip Mrs | 77% | 76% |
| Allied Signal | 44% | 44¼ | Fst Penn C | 9% | 9% | Phillips Pet | 13 | 12% |
| Allis Chlmrs | 2% | 3 | Ford | 65 | 63% | Polaroid | 69% | 70% |
| Alcoa | 37% | 36% | FT Wachva | 40% | 39% | PPG Ind | 81½ | 78% |
| Amax Inc | 13½ | 12% | GAF Corp | 40% | 40% | Prctr Gmbl | 80% | 79% |
| Am'rda Hs | 25% | 25% | GTE Corp | 61 | 61 | Pb S E & G | 44% | 43% |
| Am Brands | 46½ | 45 | Gen Corp | 78% | 78% | Raytheon | 72% | 71 |
| Am Can | 91¼ | 90% | Gen Dy'mcs | 74¼ | 73% | Rynlds Met | 46 | 45 |
| Am Cynm'd | 82% | 82% | Gen Electric | 90% | 90% | Rockwell Int | 49% | 48% |
| Am El Pwr | 29¼ | 29% | Gen Inst | 20½ | 20% | Royal Dutch | 99¼ | 97% |
| Am Express | 62% | 63% | Gen Mills | 45½ | 46% | Sara Lee | 38% | 38% |
| Am Home | 82 | 81% | Gen Motors | 68% | 68% | SFE Sopac | 31% | 31% |
| Am Motors | 3 | 3 | Gn Pb Ut ny | 24% | 24¼ | Schl'berger | 36% | 35% |
| Am St'nrd | 44¼ | 44% | Genesco | 3% | 3¼ | Scott Paper | 68 | 66% |
| Am Teleph | 25¼ | 25% | Georgia Pac | 42¼ | 42% | Seagram | 66¼ | 64% |
| Amoco | 71% | 70% | Gillete | 52% | 53¼ | Sears Rbck | 43% | 43% |
| Armco Steel | 6% | 6 | Goodrich | 47% | 47% | Shell Trans | 61¼ | 60 |
| Asarco | 16% | 15% | Goodyear | 44% | 44¼ | Singer | 41 | 40¼ |
| Ashland Oil | 57% | 56 | Gould Inc | 18½ | 17% | Smthkln Bk | 96 | 95% |
| At Richfield | 67% | 66¼ | Grace | 53% | 53% | Sony | 20% | 21 |
| Avon Prods | 26% | 26% | Gt Att & Tac | 25% | 24% | Sth Cal Ed | 35½ | 35% |
| Bkrs Tst NY | 50¼ | 49% | Gr'hnd | 34% | 34 | S'Wstn Bell | 114% | 114¼ |
| Bankamer | 14% | 14% | Gruman Cor | 25¼ | 25% | Std Oil | 57% | 55½ |
| Bk of Bston | 44¼ | 43 | Gulf & West | 67% | 69 | Sterling Drg | 48% | 48¼ |
| Bank of NY | 41% | 40% | Heinz H.J. | 42% | 42% | Stevens JP | 41 | 41 |
| Beth Steel | 7% | 7% | Hercules | 53% | 55% | Sun Comp | 59¼ | 57% |
| Boeing | 51% | 51% | H'lett-Pkrd | 47% | 46% | Teledyne | 309% | 315% |
| Bse Cascde | 67% | 67% | Honeywell | 61 | 60% | Tenneco | 41 | 40% |
| Brden | 51% | 50% | IC Inds | 25 | 25% | Texaco | 39 | 38¼ |
| Bg Warner | 40¼ | 39% | Ingersoll | 61¼ | 61½ | Texas E Cor | 30% | 29% |
| Brist Myers | 87% | 87% | Inland Steel | 21% | 21% | Texas Inst | 126¼ | 126% |
| BP | 46% | 45% | IBM | 120% | 122% | Texas Utils | 33% | 33½ |
| Burl'ton Ind | 43% | 43% | INCO | 12% | 12% | Textron | 68% | 67¼ |
| Burl'ton Ntn | 59% | 59% | Int Paper | 81½ | 79% | Travlrs Cor | 48% | 49% |
| Brunswick | 37% | 37% | Int Tel Tel | 57% | 57% | TRW Inc | 91¼ | 91% |
| Cmpbell Sp | 57% | 59 | Irving Bank | 51½ | 50% | UAL Inc | 53¼ | 54 |
| Can Pacific | 14 | 13% | Jhnsn & Jhn | 68% | 69¼ | Unilever NV | 241½ | 239¼ |
| Caterpiller | 42 | 41% | Kaiser Alum | 14% | 14% | Unisys | 86% | 85% |
| Celanese | 242% | 243 | Kerr McGee | 31½ | 30% | Un Carbide | 25¼ | 25% |
| Central SW | 37% | 36½ | Kmb'ly Clrk | 89 | 89 | Un Pac Cor | 67% | 65% |
| Champion | 35% | 35½ | K Mart | 48 | 48% | Utd Brands | 40% | 39% |
| Chase Man | 39 | 39 | Kroger | 31¼ | 31¼ | USG Corp | 40 | 39% |
| Chm Bk NY | 46 | 45% | L.T.V. Corp | 2¼ | 2¼ | Utd Technol | 47% | 48% |
| Chevron | 50¼ | 48% | Litton | 80% | 81% | USX Corp | 23% | 22% |
| Chrysler | 42 | 42% | Lockheed | 52% | 52% | Unocal | 30% | 29% |
| Citicorp | 56% | 56¼ | Lucky Strs | 27¼ | 27% | Jim Walter | 51 | 51¼ |
| Clark Equip | 20% | 20% | Man H'nver | 48 | 48% | Wrner Lmbt | 60% | 60% |
| Coca Cola | 38½ | 38% | Manville Cp | 2 | 1% | Wells Fargo | 110% | 111¼ |
| Colgate | 44% | 45 | Mapco | 59% | 59 | W'stghse El | 61½ | 61% |
| CBS | 137 | 137% | Marine Mid | 50% | 50 | Weyerh'ser | 42% | 41¼ |
| C'mbia Gas | 49% | 47% | Mrt Marietta | 39¼ | 40 | Whirlpool | 38 | 36% |
| Cmb'tn Eng | 33 | 32¼ | Masco | 30% | 30½ | Woolworth | 43 | 42% |
| Comwlth Ed | 37% | 36¼ | McDonalds | 65 | 64% | Xerox Corp | 65 | 63% |
| Cons Edis | 49% | 49½ | McDonnell | 77% | 77% | Zenith | 24% | 24 |
| Cn Nat Gas | 34½ | 34¼ | Mead | 63¼ | 61% | | | |
| Cons Power | 16% | 16% | Merck | 127% | 129 | | | |
| Cntrl Data | 25% | 26% | Minsta Mng | 118% | 119% | | | |
| Corning Gl | 57½ | 56% | Mobil Oil | 43% | 41% | **CANADIAN PRICES** | | |
| CPC Intl | 85% | 85 | Monsanto | 81% | 80% | | | |
| Crane | 38% | 38¼ | Morgan J.P. | 91% | 92¼ | Agnco Eag | 31½ | 30¼ |
| Curtiss Wrt | 54¼ | 54½ | Motorola | 40% | 40 | Alcn Alum | 42% | 42 |
| Data Genl. | 34¼ | 33% | NCR Corp | 51% | 51% | Algoma Stl | 10% | 10% |
| Deere | 24½ | 24% | NL Indstrs | 5% | 5% | Can Pacific | 19% | 18% |
| Delta Air | 49% | 50 | Nat Distlrs | 51 | 51% | Cominco | 13% | 13% |
| Detroit Ed | 18¼ | 18% | Nat Med Ent | 23% | 23% | Con Bathrst | 31½ | 31% |
| Digital Eq | 116% | 113% | Nat Smcndt | 12 | 12% | Hkr/Sld Can | 26 | 26¼ |
| Disney | 48% | 48½ | Norfolk Sth | 90% | 88% | Hdsn B Min | 23% | 23% |
| Dow Chem | 63% | 64½ | NW Bancrp | 40% | 39% | Imasco | 35¼ | 35 |
| Dresser Ind | 23½ | 22% | Occidnt Pet | 31½ | 30% | Imperial Oil | 54¼ | 52¼ |
| Duke Power | 48½ | 48% | Ogden | 47 | 47 | In Pipe | 42% | 42% |
| Du Pont | 92% | 90% | Olin Corp | 45% | 43% | Ryl Trustco | 31¼ | 31 |
| Estm Kodak | 72 | 71% | Owens-Ill | 51¼ | 55% | Seagram | 90% | 88% |
| Eaton Corp | 77% | 77½ | Pac Gas El | 25% | 25% | Steel Co | 18% | 19 |
| Emerson El | 90 | 89% | Pan Am | 4% | 4% | Thmsn N 'A' | 31¼ | 31% |
| Emery Air | 12% | 12¼ | Penney J.C. | 78% | 78% | Varity Corp | 2.65 | 2.65 |
| Exxon Corp | 75% | 73% | Pennzoil | 70 | 68½ | WCT | 14½ | 14% |
| Fed Dpt Sts | 86¼ | 87 | Pepsico | 26 | 27% | Weston | 34 | 34½ |

# Newman Tonks' profits up 27%

By Alison Eadie

Pretax profits of Newman Tonks, the metal hardware manufacturer, in the year to October 31 were £8.27 million, a rise of 27 per cent over the previous year and marginally more than the £8.15 million forecast during the defence against the unsuccessful bid from McKechnie.

The group had a positive cash flow during the year and net bank borrowings at the end of October of £4.36 million or 15.1 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The chairman, Mr Timothy Frankland, said that the current year had started well with encouraging order levels in most companies and generally more favourable trading conditions. The cold weather could be good for the plumbing fittings business.

Newman, which bought Quality Hardware Manufacturing, of the United States, last month, is looking for further acquisitions among producers and distributors of branded goods for the building industry. It has two possibilities in its sights.

It is looking in both Britain and the US, and in the longer term in Germany, Switzerland and Austria where most of the non-domestic competition is based.

Extraordinary costs came to £1.16 million of which £791,000 was for the bid defence and £371,000 for closures.

The total dividend is raised to 7.2p net as forecast.

PRE-TAX PROFIT UP BY 29%

TOTAL DIVIDEND UP BY 33%

FINAL DIVIDEND INCREASED TO 5p PER SHARE

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS
for the year to 30th September, 1986

| | 1986 £'000 | 1985 £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| TURNOVER | 11,334 | 8,354 |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION | 9,506 | 7,360 |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE | 20.83p | 14.93p |
| NET DIVIDENDS PER ORDINARY SHARE | 8.00p | 6.00p |

In June 1986 the Directors forecast pretax profits of £8.9 million and earnings per share of 19.42p.

A scrip issue of 1 for 3 is being recommended to the shareholders together with a final dividend of 5p per share (1985 – 4p).

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### Production estimated to be up to 30% above quota agreed in Geneva

# UAE smashes Opec oil pact

Manama (AP-Dow Jones) – Two weeks after Opec's pact to cut output came into effect, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is estimated to be producing as much as 30 per cent above of its individual quota, agreed in Geneva, of 902,000 barrels a day.

Private oil industry officials say that the two largest producers within the UAE – Abu Dhadi and Dubai – have not yet given any indication that they plan to scale back production.

Officials say current output for the UAE is about a million to 1.2 million bpd.

The Opec accord became effective on January 1. One estimate places output last month at about 1.2 million bpd.

The UAE has habitually violated its Opec quota, in part because of reluctance by the second largest producer within the emirates, Dubai, to trim its own output.

Without any signs of a policy change, Dubai is expected to continue pumping oil at its usual rate of 350,000-400,000 bpd.

And Dubai, unlike Abu Dhabi, has not showed any signs of dabandoning its current market-related pricing system and sell its oil at fixed prices, as stipulated under the Opec accord.

At the same time, foreign equity partners operating within Abu Dhabi have so far received no formal notification from the Abu Dhabi authorities to cut output, estimated at as much as 850,000

In addition, contract buyers of the oil have not received any indication that their purchase requests, or nominations, for February crude oil shipments will be scaled back.

"They're going to sit it out like they've done before," said one private oil industry official

The only recent production cuts within Abu Dhabi came after foreign aircraft, believed to be Iranian, attacked the offshore Abu al Dukhoosh oil field in late November, shutting down the field's 60,000 bpd output.

before the January 1 the UAE'S quota was 950,000 bpd, although the Emirates generally have ignored that figure. Output at times last year was estimated to have climbed to as high as 1.6 million bpd, as Gulf producers exceeded their quotas in an effort broaden their own market share and instill production discipline within the oil markets.

# Saudis to lobby Moscow

**Riyadh (AP-Dow Jones) – The Saudi Arabian oil minister, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, above, announced yesterday that he will be visiting Moscow as part of a three-nation tour of oil-producing countries outside Opec to discuss means of stabilizing the world oil market.**

**He told the official Saudi Press agency that his tour would start today and take in Egypt and Norway as well.**

**Sheikh Nazer said the mandate for his trip to Moscow, as well as to Cairo and Oslo, came from Mr Rilwanu Lukman, president of Opec.**

**But Arab diplomatic observers said that the Moscow stop would have wider political ramifications since it was the first by an independent Saudi government minister to the Communist state with which Riyadh has been reluctant so far to exchange diplomatic relations.**

**Only the Saudi foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal has been in Moscow in recent years.**

# Tokyo may trade index futures

The president of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Mr Michio Takeuchi, has come out in support of the concept of starting stock index futures trading.

The idea is currently being studied by the Tokyo exchange and a finance ministry panel. Mr Takeuchi said: "I think it's only natural for stock markets to start stock index futures trading."

The Osaka Stock Exchange, the second largest in Japan, has already announced plans to open the country's first stock index futures trading system in April.

## BAe order

Dallas-based Varo Inc has won contracts worth $3.2 million (£2.1 million) for sidewinder missile launchers from British Aerospace.

Varo said production of the launchers would begin immediately, with delivery extending to the end of April, 1989.

## Argentina loan

Argentina has been granted a $2 billion (£1.35 billion) World Bank loan in addition to the $1.35 billion standby loan by the International Monetary Fund announced on Friday.

Señor Juan Sourrouille, the economy minister, said in Buenos Aires that the IMF had also granted Argentina a

## Moscow tax

The Soviet Union has decided to impose a tax amounting to 30 per cent of net profit on joint ventures with Western companies, according the Finnish business newspaper *Kauppalehti*.

Export of profits in cash will be guaranteed but a separate 20 per cent tax will be imposed, the newspaper said.

## Toyota profits

Toyota Motor Corporation expects lower current and operating profits in its financial year ending June 30, 1987, due to the yen's appreciation against the dollar, according to Mr Shoichiro Toyoda, the company president.

But he did not give any specific figures. Mr Toyoda expected the company's exports during 1987 to fall to 1.82 million vehicles from 1.88 million in 1986. Domestic sales were expected to rise to a record 1.81 million, from the previous record of 1.75 million in 1986.

## Singapore deal

Mr Joseph Lau Luen Hung, the Hong Kong businessman, has agreed to pay HK$345.6 million (£30 million) for a 20.1 per cent stake in Singapore's United Industrial Corporation, the diversified detergent, hotel and manufacturing company.

Mr Lau is acquiring the stake through an offer by two of his compamnies in a share deal.

### Henry Edwards on the comeback trail

# A third hotel empire

By Cliff Feltham

Henry Edwards, the publicity-shy entrepreneur who built up and sold two big hotel chains, is building a hotel empire for the third time. But his City followers who believe he will be looking for a buyer once it has reached the right size are in for a disappointment.

For he says: "Nothing could be further from the truth. I have never built up a company in order to sell out at the first chance that comes along. This is my final chance to create something that is going to last."

But Mr Edwards' track record suggests that Friendly Hotels, under the guiding hand of a man who learned the hotel business alongside the late Sir Maxwell Joseph, creator of Grand Metropolitan, will soon have the predators licking their lips.

Mr Edwards made his mark building up the 50-strong Centre Hotels, which was taken over for £40 million by the cash-rich Coral Leisure group which was then absorbed by the Bass brewing group.

His next venture, Comfort Hotels, eventually caught the eye of Ladbroke, which paid £90 million.

"I've sold two businesses in the last 20 years, yet I have this reputation for building up something and then selling out," he says.

Mr Edwards moved back on to the scene by acquiring the Arden and Cobden group, which ran two unlicensed hotels in Birmingham before snapping up another five hotels from the Virani group.

Many hotels had suffered from lack of improvements under previous management. Mr Edwards is reversing the trend. He is spending £750,000 on improvements such as installing baths to bring them to three-star standards.

This enables him to raise tariffs – he is already talking of an increase of between 8 and 9 per cent this year.

He believes that the move up market by the bigger hotels has left a gap in this area. He aims to fill it by picking up small chains when they become available.

Meanwhile, he has forged a link with the British Land property group to build hotels, and its first venture, a 50-room Friendly Lodge at Milton Keynes, will open in the spring.

Stockbrokers believe that Friendly will be chalking up profits of about £1.45 million this year.

# Court battle on Murdoch media bid continues

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Skirmishing involving Mr Rupert Murdoch and Mr Robert Holmes à Court over control of the Herald and Weekly Times media empire continued in the Australian courts yesterday.

In a hearing in chambers in the Victoria Supreme Court, counsel for Mr Holmes à Court, the Perth-based entrepreneur, argued that a takeover offer by Mr Murdoch's rival News Corporation was invalid in law.

Mr Holmes à Court's takeover vehicle, JN Taylor Investments, has obtained temporary injunctions preventing News Corporation from acquiring more than 15 per cent of H&WT. News Corporation said yesterday it had built up its holding to about 13 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Australian Journalists' Association (AJA) urged the Hawke government to use its discretion to freeze the takeover battle for 90 days "to allow full examination of the issues involved".

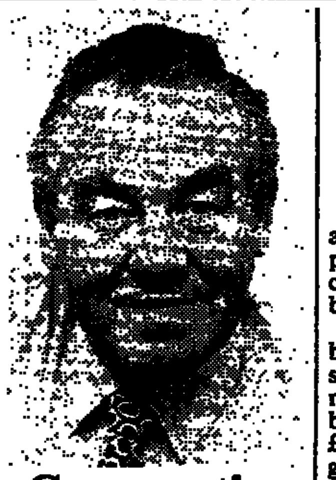
The News Corporation bid would place 75 per cent of Australia's mass circulation newspapers in the hands of Mr Murdoch, whose News International owns *The Times, Sunday Times, Sun* and *News of the World*.

The Australian government confirmed yesterday it would not stand in his way, and Mr John Howard, the Opposition leader, forced a member of his shadow cabinet into a humiliating retraction after he had said that a News Corporation victory "would appear contrary to the national interest".

At yesterday's court hearing, lawyers for Mr Holmes à Court argued that the offer was invalid because it was not registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission and filed with the Stock Exchange before it was sent to shareholders, as is required by the companies code.

Judgment by Mr Justice Beach, in what amounts to an interlocutory hearing, is expected today.

The main legal battle is over the JN Taylor claim that Mr Murdoch's US citizenship bars him under the Broadcasting Act from acquiring more than 15 per cent of the H&WT group, because it owns television and radio stations as well as newspapers. Mr Murdoch has said, however, that if his bid is successful he will sell off the broadcasting interests.



# Co-operative honour for Lord Graham

**Lord Graham of Edmonton, aged 61, (above), is to be President of the Co-operative Congress in 1987, taking the British Co-operative Movement's highest honour.**

**Lord Graham, formerly Ted Graham, the Labour MP for Enfield/Edmonton, is an Opposition Whip, and spokesman on defence, Northern Ireland, and the environment. He is also a Fellow of the British Institute of Management.**

**He was appointed national secretary of the Co-operative Party in 1967, and is a former government Whip and Lord Commissioner of the Treasury.**

# Bank bonds boom for export backing

By Anne Warden

Providing financial guarantees to enable British companies fulfil overseas contracts is a booming business.

The outstanding total of bonds issued by banks to support British clients has reached an estimated £11 billion, compared with only £900,000 in 1975. As the guarantees are estimated to have a life of about two years each, that means they are now being issued at the rate of £5.5 billion a year.

The figures are contained in a paper by Mr Christopher von Meister, managing director of Bond Support Advisers, in a report published by the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce.

The bonds are written undertakings to a buyer to compensate for failure of the seller to deliver the goods.

The development of "on-demand" bonds, which can be called by the buyer without the need for proof that the seller has failed to perform, and under which payment is automatically required, has forced companies to turn to the leading banks, Mr von Meister says. They often use a bank in the country where they are selling as well as their British one, despite the extra expense this involves.

The report focuses on problems British exporters encounter in the Middle East, estimated to be Britain's third largest export market.

The chamber's 20-member countries from North Africa to Lebanon and the Gulf accounted for much of the upsurge in bond support requirements on British companies since the 1970s. The 20 exclude Egypt and Israel.

Trade with the Middle East has decreased in recent years, Mr von Meister says, but most government buyers now require on-demand bonds.

Translation requirements are another hazard for exporters, Mr Trevor Laflin, head of Documentation Department at the Saudi International Bank, says in another paper included in the report.

Bond documentation is increasingly required to be in Arabic if it is to be recognized by local law, he says. Confusion over wording has led to bonds being returned by ministries, and has caused problems for leading international banks.

# Profits up sharply at Wheway

Wheway, the Birmingham engineering and metal forging group, has reaped the benefits of a rationalization and diversification programme. It reported a sharp increase in pretax profits from £82,000 to £1.45 million in the 53 weeks to October 4. A 0.5p dividend, the first since 1983, has also been announced.

The company, which was badly hit by the year-long miners' strike, has reduced its dependence on mining and has expanded its engineering activities through acquisitions over the past year. Its most important takeover was an agreed £4.4 million purchase of D F Bevan, another Midlands engineering company.

# £25m support for British circuits

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

British users and manufacturers of gallium arsenide integrated circuits are to receive £25 millon worth of support, it was announced yesterday by Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology.

The new support package is being introduced to encourage companies to build on the substantial amount of research that has been achieved and to produce marketable products.

Mr Pattie said: "Gallium arsenide could be the next generation of micro-electronic chips. Because of its special properties this could mean faster computers, microwave communication systems and cheaper direct broadcasting by satellite systems."

An industry strategy panel will assess proposals for collaborative activities from companies and universities and the £25 million will be allocated under normal Support for Innovation rules.

The DTI is trying to avoid fragmentation and duplication of effort by British companies which in any case face increasing competition from the United States and Japan.

Proposals will be judged on their compatibility with British industry strategy, technical merits, the degree of collaboration and overall benefits to Britain.

# Norsk Hydro result 'worse than feared'

Stockholm (AP-Dow Jones) – Mr Finn Hvistendahl, the finance director of Norsk Hydro, gave a warning that the 1986 results – which are to be announced in mid-February – were "much worse" than had been expected.

The Norwegian energy, fertilizers and metals group, said weakness in its oil and petrochemicals division, due to weaker prices, are the key factors behind the diminished performance.

Mr Hvistendahl made the comment in an interview with a Norwegian publication. The company said in October that its 1986 earnings would be "considerably poorer" than the weak prediction it made previously. The earlier projection had predicted "substantially weaker" results than in 1985 – when it posted net profit of 2.08 billion kroner, or 24.30 kroner a share on sales of 41.92 billion kroner.

The 51 per cent state-owned company, which is Norway's largest industrial group, has provided no specific earnings estimate this year. Its income for the year's first nine months was 434 million kroner, down 75 per cent from 1.77 billion kroner in the same period of 1985.

Mr Hyvistendal said Hydro's weak results make it necessary for the company to press ahead with a restructuring, aimed at reducing costs in all parts of the company.

He noted that the fall in fertilizer prices had been stopped and appeared ready to reverse itself.

## COMPANY NEWS

● **GRAIG SHIPPING:** A 10 per cent interest in Hoggett Lock-Necrews, an architect and planning consultant, has been bought for £210,000. This company has recently been formed by the amalgamation of two established practices and has national and international interests.

● **VIBROPLANT:** The company has purchased the assets of an aerial-access equipment rental company, operating in Miami and South Florida. The consideration of about $4.5 million (£3.02 million) been financed through medium-term bank borrowing secured against the assets acquired and guaranteed by the company, without prejudice to the group's working capital requirements. A significant contribution to group profits is not expected in the current year, but is is expected that the purchase will substantially enhance group potential for profit growth in the US.

● **NEWMAN INDUSTRIES:** The company plans the sale of Dover Engineering Group and the Dover Engineering Works and all the issued shares, which are owned by the Dover Engineering Works, in Shannon Foundry and Gatic. The terms agreed for the sale, which is subject to shareholders' approval, will produce cash payments of about £2.2 million.

● **LONDON SCOTTISH FINANCE CORP:** Total dividend 3p (2.4p, adjusted) for the 52 weeks to Oct. 28, 1986. Turnover £15.16 million (£13.39 million). Pretax profit £2.13 million (£1.8 million). Earnings per share 6.5p (5.6p, adjusted).

● **MANDERS (HOLDINGS):** The company has agreed to acquire the assets of Plastics and Resins, a private company based in Wolverhampton and making a comprehensive range of synthetic speciality chemical-based coatings and sealants. The overall consideration is partly based on 1987 sales performance and is not expected to exceed £150,000.

● **BROWN SHIPLEY HOLDINGS:** The acquisition of Stirling Hendry and Co. a stockbroker with offices in Glasgow and Dundee, has been completed. Prior to this, the partners of the firm of Stirling Hendry formed a new, unlimited company which Brown Shipley has acquired. The price was about £4 million – about £600,000 cash, 102,327 ordinary shares and £2.8 million loan notes, redeemable over three years in equal instalments. The profit before tax and partners' renumeration for the year to April 25, 1986, was £983,000.

● **SOUTHERN BUSINESS GROUP:** The group has acquired 50 per cent of Ideal Reprographics for £145,000 in cash. Ideal is a distributor of photocopying machines based in London.

● **INDUSTRIAL CREDIT CORP:** Dividend 9 per cent (same). Pretax profit £3.36 million (£2.8 million). Earnings per share 22p (24.7p).

● **LEGAL AND GENERAL GROUP:** New annual premiums (excluding British managed and segregated funds) were £140.8 million (£120.3 million), while new single premiums totalled £307.3 million (£243.6 million).

● **THEME HOLDINGS:** This specialist restaurant group is to buy Leisure Development, which owns Ragdale Hall Health Hydro and Ragdale Health Club, for £3.6 million. The acquisition is subject to the approval of Theme's shareholders.

● **GOODHEAD PRINT GROUP:** The group has bought the Review group of newspapers of St Albans for an initial payment of £1.52 million and further tranches based on profits. These are limited to amounts of £1.2 million, £1 million and £1 million respectively. The limit on the third annual tranche may be increased to a maximum of £1.28 million based on profits.

● **HOME BREWERY:** A number of organizational and financial measures are being taken to enable the brewery to achieve its full potential. The changes are broadly fourfold. A new management structure is to be introduced, covering both trading and production. Capital expenditure in excess of £1 million has been authorized for works to be carried out at by the end of April. In addition, expenditure of £2.5 million on public house refurbishments has been reaffirmed. The trading area of Home will be expanded to include that presently serviced by the Leicester branch of William Younger & Co.

● **INOCO:** Contracts have been exchanged for the purchase of a portfolio of properties – broad details of which were given last November – from an associate of Monaco Group Fund, Copeslate Properties. Inoco has also disposed of its holding in Petranol at prices in excess of 50p.

● **FLEMING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT TRUST:** Half-year to Dec. 31, 1986. Interim dividend 1p (same), payable on March 24. The board reports that present estimates of earnings for the full year indicate the final will be not less than 1p, making 2p (2.75p).

National Westminster Bank PLC

Notice to Preference Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 2.45p per share for the half-year ended 31 December 1986 will be paid on 27 February 1987 to holders of the Cumulative Preference Shares registered in the books of the Company at the close of business on 5 February 1987.

*By order of the Board*
G J POVEY, Secretary
41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP
13 January 1987

# BASE LENDING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| ABN | 11.00% |
| Adam & Company | 11.00% |
| BCCI | 11.00% |
| Citibank Savings† | 12.45% |
| Consolidated Crds | 11.00% |
| Co-operative Bank | 11.00% |
| C. Hoare & Co | 11.00% |
| Hong Kong & Shanghai | 11.00% |
| Lloyds Bank | 11.00% |
| Nat Westminster | 11.00% |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 11.00% |
| TSB | 11.00% |
| Citibank NA | 11.00% |

† Mortgage Base Rate.

STOCK MARKET

# Dealers fear equities could slump today on profit-taking

### By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Share prices, currently trading at their highest levels ever, could be in for a shakeout when trading resumes this morning.

Last night, a number of leading market-makers were taking an increasingly bearish view of the equity market after one of its best performances in living memory.

Following 15 consecutive days of gains that have seen the FT-SE 100 index climb by nearly 500 points — adding billions of pounds to share values — some of them have decided that enough is enough and may now try and to turn the market on its head.

One leading market-maker commented last night: "I wouldn't mind going short at this stage. The market is starting to look a little tired. It looks overdue for a correction."

These words of caution were being echoed by other dealers in the City last night and may be the signal for the big fund managers to "cash in" on some of the enormous profits which they are sitting on when trading resumes today.

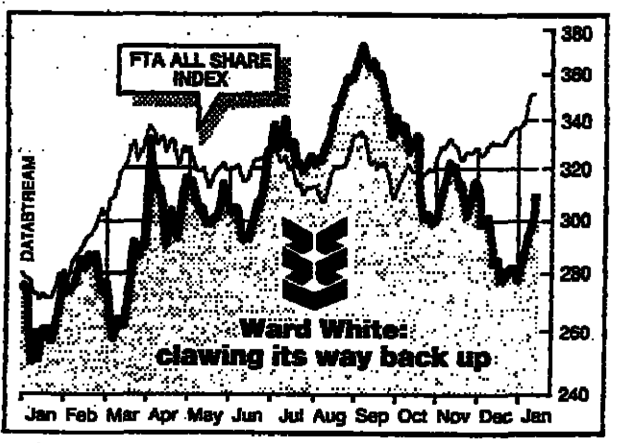
There were early signs yesterday that the market was running out of steam, with the FT-SE 100 closing 7.7 points up at 1.763.3, having been nearly 16 points up earlier in the session.

The narrower FT index of top 30 shares also closed below its best level, having, at one stage, broken through the psychologically important 1,400 level for the first time since the summer. It later closed with a gain of 4.5 at 1,393.9, after touching 1,403.2 at 2 pm.

Once again the equity market had taken its cue from Wall Street, which has also been enjoying a record-breaking run at the start of its new tax year. The Dow Jones industrial average, which broke through the 2,000 mark last week, again opened higher in early trading last night.

**● The David Wickins Midas touch is about about to work again. First Security, where he owns a 45 per cent stake, jumped 10p to 215p yesterday ahead of half-year figures today. The exciting news is that the world's biggest car manufacturer has bought a 10 per cent stake in the company.**

But the Arctic conditions sweeping the country took their toll of turnover, with most dealers and fund managers making an early start for home. But most marketmen are now convinced that the equity market has run too far, too fast and that a period of correction is now required.



Ward White: clawing its way back up

Only the emergence of more good news, such as a decision not to refer BTR's £1.2 billion bid for Pilkington Bros to the Monopolies Commission, is likely to sustain the market.

The cracks were also starting to appear in the Government securities market yesterday as prices at the longer end tumbled by up to £1¼. After pinning its New Year hopes on an early cut in base rates, dealers are now worried by the growing strength of the German mark against the pound.

But the big freeze gave another boost to oil stocks, with the partly-paid British Gas shares closing 3p better at 70p, a fresh high. More than 117 million BG shares were traded.

I C Gas, which owns the Calor Gas heating group, rose by 2p to 618p and **Valor** 9p to 288p. **Britoil** gained 9p to 189p, with 13 million shares changing hands. **Enterprise** 7p to 204p and **Clyde Petroleum** 7p to 67p.

But this was nothing but bad news for the composite insurance stocks on thoughts of a rush of claims in a few days' time for flooded houses when pipes start to burst. **Royal Insurance** fell a further 13p to 854p, **Guardian Royal** 10p to 812p, **Sun Alliance** 8p to 684p, **Commercial Union** 8p to 282p and **General Accident** 5p to 847p.

**Cadbury Schweppes**, the chocolate and soft drinks group, was actively traded, with more than 9 million shares changing hands in the market. Its shares continued their sharp rise of recent weeks, but then eased back to end the day unchanged at 205p. Speculation about a stake-builder continues — and the name of General Cinema, a US company capitalized at about £1.2 billion, is being mentioned. Dealers believe that General Cinema, which controls the largest cinema chain in the US and is also the largest bottler of Pepsi-Cola, may have amassed a stake of just under 5 per cent.

**Ward White**, the acquisitive Payless-DIY-to-Halfords group, eased 2p to 308p, despite a bullish presentation to Scrimgeour, the broker, on Monday, by Mr Philip Birch, the company's chairman. Its shares have risen by more than 20p during the past week.

**● Wood Mackenzie, the broker, has moved Dalgety, the Spillers food group, on to its "buy" list following a visit to the company yesterday afternoon. Its shares firmed by 4p to 304p. Dalgety is beginning a programme of company visits for fund managers.**

Mr Birch, who had just returned from a trip to the US to talk to managers at Whitlock, the US car-parts retailer it acquired recently along with LCP, will be making similar presentations to Smith Newcourt today and Wood Mackenzie next Monday.

Scrimgeour is now rating the stock as a "buy." The firm's leading retail analyst, Mr Nick Bubb, says: "The presentation from Mr Birch went very well. He is hopeful of getting at least £75 million from the sale of LCP's British businesses — in industrial property and fuel distribution — and has a queue of buyers waiting. He also had some very good news about trading at Payless. It looks as if that acquisition was a much better deal than we thought at the time."

He says Ward White shares are selling on a prospective p/e, to early 1988.of 11.5, against a sector average of 135. "Yet they deserve to be on an above- average rating," he says.

Ward White is also expected to be admitted to an American Depository Receipt listing in April.

Elsewhere among retailers, **Dixons** gave up 14p to 336p ahead of its results later today.

## ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | | Ch'ge | Gross div pence | Yld % | P/E | Volume traded '000 |
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| 355 | 299 | Allied-Lyons | 342 | 347 | ● | +1 | 14.5 | 4.2 | 15.7 | 5,400 |
| 188 | 145 | ASDA-MFI | 160 | 164 | | −2 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 17.7 | 1,400 |
| 478 | 414 | BET | 473 | 478 | | +6 | 24.3 | 5.1 | 17.3 | 487 |
| 300 | 264 | BTR | 290 | 295 | | +8 | 9.8 | 3.3 | 20.4 | 5,200 |
| 514½ | 444 | BAT | 507 | 512 | | +9 | 18.4 | 3.8 | 13.3 | 11,000 |
| 528 | 465 | Barclays | 523 | 530 | | +10 | 28.1 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 1,600 |
| 785 | 703 | Bass | 766 | 776 | ● | +1 | 24.3 | 3.2 | 13.7 | 1,100 |
| 470 | 411 | Beecham | 462 | 467 | ● | +10 | 17.1 | 3.7 | 19.3 | 2,900 |
| 727 | 621 | Blue Circle | 715 | 720 | | −8 | 30.0 | 4.2 | 10.2 | 1,500 |
| 404½ | 326 | BOC | 388 | 391 | | −4 | 15.4 | 3.9 | 12.8 | 679 |
| 255½ | 219 | Boots | 245 | 248 | | −3 | 10.6 | 4.3 | 16.1 | 3,100 |
| 551 | 468 | Br Aerospace | 547 | 552 | | +7 | 23.4 | 4.3 | 11.6 | 1,600 |
| 70½ | 61 | Br Gas | 69 | 71 | | +3 | 9.3 | 13.3 | .. | 117M |
| 784 | 686 | Br Petroleum | 773 | 778 | | +18 | 48.6 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 7,500 |
| 220 | 188 | Br Telecom | 214 | 218 | ● | −1 | 11.2 | 5.2 | 12.6 | 7,100 |
| 193½ | 135 | Britoil | 188 | 190 | | +9 | 9.3 | 4.9 | 5.1 | 13,000 |
| 294 | 256 | Burton | 288 | 292 | ● | .. | 8.1 | 2.8 | 17.7 | 3,500 |
| 369 | 277 | Cable & Wireless | 363 | 370 | | +3 | 7.2 | 2.0 | 20.1 | 4,400 |
| 210 | 172 | Cadbury Schweppes | 203 | 206 | | .. | 8.7 | 4.2 | 23.9 | 9,400 |
| 564 | 444 | Coats Viyella | 518 | 522 | | +4 | 17.9 | 3.4 | 15.5 | 821 |
| 295 | 257 | Com Union | 280 | 283 | | −8 | 17.4 | 6.2 | .. | 5,400 |
| 716 | 553 | Cons Goldfields | 705 | 712 | | −6 | 35.0 | 4.9 | 20.3 | 1,200 |
| 362 | 286 | Courtaulds | 355 | 358 | | +7 | 10.2 | 2.9 | 12.0 | 5,400 |
| 231 | 201 | Dee Corp | 225 | 230 | | +2 | 10.6 | 4.8 | 18.4 | 4,700 |
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| 954 | 769 | Gen Accident | 843 | 850 | | −5 | 34.3 | 4.0 | 21.3 | 219 |
| 226 | 160 | GEC | 188 | 192 | | −3 | 6.3 | 3.3 | 11.8 | 2,100 |
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| 481 | 365 | Grand Met | 450 | 455 | | −2 | 14.6 | 3.2 | 13.1 | 1,500 |
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| 953 | 757½ | GRE | 808 | 815 | | −10 | 42.5 | 5.2 | 23.5 | 1,100 |
| 385 | 236 | GKN | 290 | 293 | ● | −3 | 17.9 | 6.1 | 9.8 | 789 |
| 355 | 274 | Guinness | 293 | 298 | ● | −3 | 11.8 | 3.9 | 11.2 | 9,800 |
| 215½ | 158 | Hanson | 203 | 205 | ● | +1 | 6.1 | 3.0 | 12.9 | 9,300 |
| 623 | 403 | Hawker Siddeley | 500 | 506 | | ... | 21.4 | 4.3 | 11.1 | 1,400 |
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| 595 | 360 | Jaguar | 580 | 585 | | −4 | 12.7 | 2.2 | 12.6 | 1,800 |
| 489 | 313 | Ladbroke | 385 | 390 | | −10 | 16.8 | 4.3 | 18.5 | 1,800 |
| 350 | 302 | Land Securities | 340 | 343 | | −2 | 14.5 | 4.2 | 22.9 | 761 |
| 286 | 218 | Legal & Gen | 260 | 265 | | −2 | 12.3 | 4.7 | 33.5 | 1,700 |
| 684 | 352 | Lloyds | 463 | 470 | | +15 | 25.0 | 5.4 | 7.5 | 2,400 |
| 301 | 198 | Lonhro | 248 | 250 | | .. | 17.1 | 6.9 | 12.3 | 1,700 |
| 231 | 169½ | Marks & Spencer | 193 | 196 | ● | −1 | 5.8 | 3.0 | 23.3 | 8,400 |
| 608 | 507 | Midland | 578 | 585 | | −2 | 37.1 | 6.4 | 21.8 | 747 |
| 925 | 447 | Nat West | 555 | 562 | | +10 | 27.8 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 2,200 |
| 576 | 481 | P & O Dfrd | 543 | 548 | | −7 | 26.4b | 4.8 | 15.6 | 337 |
| 618 | 443 | Pearson | 600 | 605 | | +7 | 15.4 | 2.6 | 20.1 | 1,100 |
| 691 | 398 | Pilkington Bros | 628 | 633 | ● | +6 | 21.4 | 3.4 | 16.7 | 1,100 |
| 246 | 162 | Plessey | 195 | 199 | | +7 | 7.2 | 3.7 | 14.5 | 1,000 |
| 989 | 749 | Prudential | 830 | 837 | | −5 | 38.6 | 4.8 | 55.0 | 996 |
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| 440 | 344 | Sainsbury (J) | 436 | 440 | ● | +2 | 8.4 | 1.9 | 25.4 | 285 |
| 148½ | 39 | Sears | 123 | 124½ | | −1 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 16.0 | 3,300 |
| 395 | 300 | Sedgwick Gp | 320 | 325 | | −2 | 17.1 | 5.3 | 15.4 | 306 |
| 10⅝ | 733 | Shell | 10⅝ | 10⅝ | | +⅛ | 51.4 | 4.9 | 10.3 | 3,300 |
| 262 | 112 | Smith & Nephew | 133 | 135 | | .. | 3.5 | 2.6 | 22.9 | 1,200 |
| 194 | 122 | STC | 192 | 196 | | +1 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 18.0 | 1,600 |
| 894 | 547 | Stan Chart | 783 | 790 | | −5 | 46.4 | 5.9 | 9.7 | 214 |
| 365 | 256½ | Storehouse | 268 | 273 | ● | −10 | 11.0 | 4.1 | 14.4 | 2,000 |
| 772 | 610 | Sun Alliance | 680 | 687 | | −6 | 27.5 | 4.0 | 61.6 | 1,500 |
| 102 | 72 | TSB P/P | 75½ | 76½ | | +½ | 6.1 | 8.0 | .. | 4,300 |
| 434 | 340 | Tesco | 425 | 430 | ● | +3 | 8.9 | 2.1 | 24.4 | 1,900 |
| 529 | 442 | Thorn EMI | 504 | 511 | ● | +4 | 26.0 | 4.9 | 37.2 | 1,300 |
| 330 | 133½ | Trafalgar House | 296 | 299 | ● | .. | 18.9 | 6.3 | 11.1 | 1,500 |
| 198 | 139 | Trusthouse Forte | 179 | 182 | | −3 | 7.9 | 4.4 | 17.9 | 2,400 |
| 22 | 15 | Unilever | 21¾ | 22 | | .. | 60.1 | 2.7 | 20.1 | 90 |
| 269 | 216 | Utd Biscuits | 240 | 243 | | +1 | 13.6b | 5.6 | 13.1 | 1,000 |
| 279 | 174 | Wellcome | 248 | 251 | ● | .. | 3.0 | 1.2 | 30.7 | 1,300 |
| 925 | 585 | Woolworth | 680 | 690 | | −15 | 22.9 | 3.3 | 15.7 | 1,500 |

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

# When the City advisers ran out of control

The origin of the Department of Trade inquiry into Guinness remains, for the time being, shrouded in mystery; but I am convinced that it does no lie in the tales Ivan Boesky told the American Securities and Exchange Commission. The pressures on the Department to move against Guinness were both crude (political) and sophisticated (City): only after Michael Howard, who found himself in Paul Channon's shoes, had decided to send in inspectors was the SEC approached for any helpful information it was prepared to give.

In the light of revelations and confessions already made — before, that is, the inspectors have finished their fact-finding let alone written their report — it is clear that Guinness will be judged to have erred. How far the company has erred and whether in so doing it has broken the law is the inspectors' job to discover.

Meanwhile, contrary to what is often fondly referred to as the British sense of fair play, Guinness has been heavily punished before it has even been tried, let alone found guilty. The share price has been cut to ribbons, the board has been divided, the career of Ernest Saunders may have been destroyed, and the future of a major British company operating in an important international business has been put in doubt if not yet in jeopardy.

Guinness, however, is but one company and although it is ostensibly the target of the DTI inquiry, the real investigation is into the practices of the City of London, in particular the techniques employed by the corporate finance departments of merchant banks and stockbroking firms in advising and conducting takeover bids on behalf of client companies.

If the inspectors do their job properly they will hold up these techniques to public scrutiny and if the law takes its expected course, it will be for the courts to decide whether all or some of them are illegal. If they are illegal, it would be incumbent on the Government to look at other bids where the same techniques would have been used. In the end no doubt some formal rules would have to be adopted to keep the zeal of merchant bankers within defined limits.

The energy and inventiveness that have gone into successfully prosecuting takeover bids have been hugely rewarded. Corporate finance departments, which have grown in size and in importance, have become the high-profile, high-growth parts of merchant banking.

At the same time, it has become less clear where responsibilities lie, both between the bid whizz-kids and the senior partners, who have been dazzled by their success and the fees they have brought in, and between the advisers and the company they are advising.

It is, or it ought to be, quite clear that bankers, brokers and businessmen are responsible for their own actions and for the actions of those beneath them.

Morgan Grenfell, largely under the impulse of circumstances it would rather never had happened, has the opportunity of being the first bank to define, for its own staff what is and what is not acceptable in takeover battles. It has launched an internal review of the entire group, taking the banking, securities and asset management operations.

The aim in the first instance must be to pin down exactly what went wrong in the Distillers takeover. Or, as a Morgan employee put it: "If people did not know what was going on, why did they not?" In the process, however, it will almost inevitably have to define clearly what the takeover wizards would have been allowed to do had their seniors known everything.

Morgan's review was urgently needed for other reasons, too. Over the last two years the group's size, both in terms of staff and amount of business, has doubled. The huge increase in staff numbers has almost certainly meant a weakening of strict reporting proceedures. The mushrooming of corporate finance business, which reached 111 deals worth £15 billion last year, has also led — as the bank itself admits — to a loosening of senior director control of what is going on. A divisional director no longer has an involvement in every deal as he did in the old days.

The trouble is that the explosion in corporate finance business came at just the time when senior management's attention was being absorbed by preparations for Big Bang. At the same time, there is a natural tendency in any management to humour the profit-makers in the organization and not ask the kind of questions that might cut off the flow of golden eggs.

## All quiet at the DTI

In contrast to the Guinness affair, the DTI inquiry into alleged leaks of inside information by a civil servant has gone deathly quiet. It was launched on December 18 to look at possible unauthorized disclosure of important company takeover news by employees at the DTI, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission or the Office of Fair Trading.

The story seemed to be settled before Christmas. Brokers have been visited. And the inquiry was expected to yield at least the first stages of legal proceedings by the time Parliament reconvened two days ago. What has happened to the mystery woman and her City relative?

A DTI spokesman indicated yesterday that developments had been upstaged by the widening scope of the Guinness affair. Since there are completely different inspectors on the case, that hardly seems a good reason for delay.

TEMPUS

# Television South nudges hard to enter the Big Five circle

Every year of growth at Television South makes more irresistible its case to be included in the magic circle of the so-called Big Five network companies.

It is now bigger than Yorkshire Television in terms of its share of advertising revenue and is fast catching up with London Weekend Television and Granada. Thames Television and Central Television make up the remainder of the group.

The spectacular growth of TVS, from a loss of £1.1 million in its first 17 months of operation to a profit of £14.4 million pretax last year is a direct reflection of the growing wealth of its franchise area in the South-east of England stretching from Margate to beyond Poole.

The fact that TVS is still classified as a regional company is historical, but as companies grow and change so should the structure of the industry, argues the company.

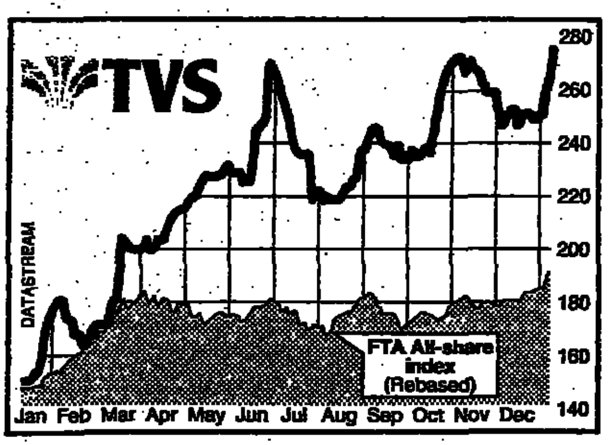
Parliament is likely to grant a three-year extension on existing franchises from 1989 while the Government considers how it will change the franchise system. TVS would like to be awarded network status for the extension period.

Network status means higher costs but the advantages are considerable.

There is, of course, always the ever-present threat that a television company might lose its licence. To reduce its reliance on the southern region of England, TVS is extending its interests into the United States and Europe. In addition to the Gilson Corporation with its programme distribution rights outside the US, it also bought Midem in July. Midem promotes trade fairs for the video industry from its Paris base.

Further acquisitions are contemplated in Europe and America.

Revenue in 1987 is not expected to grow as fast as in 1986. Nevertheless, analysts are looking for £17.5 million this year putting the shares on a prospective multiple of 16.



Any setback to the price should be regarded as a buying opportunity.

### Hunterprint

How long before the acquisitive Robert Maxwell starts taking notice of Hunterprint, the Corby-based colour printing company whose City fan club has increased considerably since it was promoted from the USM to the main market nearly a year ago?

Yesterday, Hunterprint announced record pretax profits of £3.2 million for last year, a rise of 34 per cent, on turnover up by 20 per cent to £57 million. Earnings per share are up from 25.52p to 29.14p.

The aggressive drive out of its base in magazine colour printing and into specialist operations such as form-printing, mail order catalogues, and work for the financial services sector, has swept the shares up from 187p to 358p over the past year..

The only complaint from brokers is that Michael Hunter, the chairman, and his main investor, Gresham Trust, own more than half the company leaving too thin a market.

Some moves to reduce Gresham's stake over the coming months could be likely if the company wishes to continue improving its profile in the City.

While 90 per cent of Hunterprint's business comes from Britain, its determination to break into export markets has been rewarded with more than doubled sales of £4.1 million last year.

It now prints regularly for customers in Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Scandinavia

Its four divisions are headed by the commercial printing side which cashed in on the Government's privatization policy winning a number of big contracts, including those for the brochures for the TSB and British Gas flotations.

City printing is now a major target for the company, and the recent acquisition of the privately-controlled Security Holdings, making £500,000 a year, should improve the company's ambitions in this direction.

### London & Clydeside

Scotland is not everyone's choice when it comes to building houses, but London & Clydeside has the experience and local knowledge to hold its own even in the most difficult market conditions. One of its main strengths is a seven-year land bank covering the central belt of Scotland and Aberdeen, and it has full planning permission for more than 40 per cent of it.

Yesterday's results were not bad considering the psychological and economic effect which the fall in oil-related activities has had on Aberdeen. Depressed demand and falling prices meant that the contribution from this region fell from 20 per cent to 15 per cent. However, the group is confident that this former boom town will again have its day and is maintaining its position there.

On the brighter side, the central belt from Glasgow to Edinburgh made up for the shortfall in Aberdeen with unit sales up by about a third to well over 300. However, planning delays on two sites have made themselves felt.

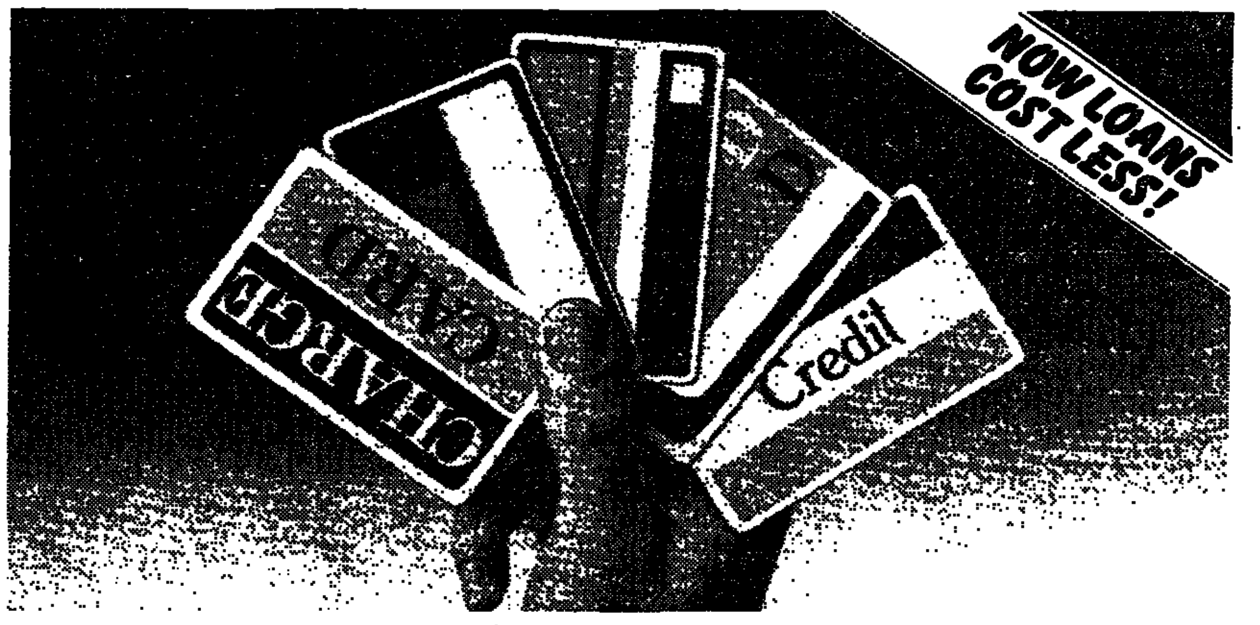
This year has not started well, with unit sales below budget. The cold spell will only make matters worse.

The group maintains its ambitions to expand outside Scotland and it was disappointed not to buy one of the Christian Salvesen divisions last year. But, with a low share rating and gearing at 60 per cent, it is hard for London & Clydeside to achieve its immediate corporate ambitions. Meanwhile, moves at home into estate agency and smaller site and infill housing should buoy up margins.

Over the years London & Clydeside has involved itself in commercial property development. It has retained several interests which generated £150.000 of income last year. In the current year two retail projects may come through which could, if traded, make a useful contribution to profits.

The group has demonstrable potential, but it still has not managed to produce results which have not been marred by some misfortune or other. A considerably higher tax charge was, for example, an additional dampener on the 1985-86 earnings.

This year, with the help of property deals, London & Clydeside should make comfortably in excess of £2 million. With earnings a share of more than 14p, the shares are still cheap.



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| Smaller Co's | 134.9 | 143.0● | +1.3 | 3.07 |
| 2nd Smaller Co's | 171.8 | 182.1 | +1.3 | 2.20 |
| Recovery Trust | 87.5 | 92.8 | +0.9 | 2.02 |
| **ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES**<br>See Royal Trust Fund Management Ltd | | | | |
| **BAILLIE GIFFORD**<br>3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY<br>031-225 2581 (Dealers 031-226 6066) | | | | |

| | Bid | Offer | ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **CS FUND MANAGERS**<br>125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY<br>01-242 1148 | | | | |
| CS Japan Fund | 65.5 | 69.3 | -0.1 | 0.56 |
| **CANNON FUND MANAGERS**<br>1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB<br>01-902 8876 | | | | |
| Growth | 304.4 | 322.1 | +1.3 | 2.81 |
| Income | 353.1 | 373.7 | +1.2 | 4.39 |
| Far East | 240.5 | 254.5 | -2.5 | 0.24 |
| North American | 155.7 | 164.8 | +0.7 | 0.56 |
| Global | 53.9 | 57.0 | .. | 0.80 |
| European | 55.1 | 60.0 | -1.7 | 1.25 |
| Japan | 59.7 | 63.6 | -0.7 | 0.50 |
| **CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT**<br>PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ<br>01-621 0011 | | | | |
| Capital | 380.2 | 404.5 | -0.8 | 1.74 |
| Income | 304.1 | 323.5 | +1.4 | 4.59 |
| North American | 297.6 | 316.5 | +1.0 | 1.17 |
| **CATER ALLEN**<br>1, King William St, EC4N 7AU<br>01-623 6314 | | | | |
| Gilt Trust | 90.9 | | .. | .. |
| **CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND**<br>2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ<br>01-588 1815 | | | | |
| Inv Fund | 418.9 | | .. | 4.46 |
| Fixed Int | 135.8 | | .. | 10.53 |
| Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 10.80 |
| **CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS**<br>72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP<br>01-606 6622 | | | | |
| S & C Special Sits | 56.2 | 59.5 | .. | 0.60 |
| **CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND**<br>2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ<br>01-588 1815 | | | | |
| Income | 384.88 | | .. | 4.94 |
| Accum | £11,197 | | .. | .. |
| Deposit | 100.0 | | .. | 10.75 |

| | Bid | Offer | ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Do Accum | 48.0 | 51.1 | +2.6 | .. |
| Income Gth Inc | 43.4 | 46.2 | +2.6 | 5.30 |
| Do Accum | 46.5 | 49.5 | +2.7 | .. |
| Service Co's Inc | 53.3 | 56.7 | +1.8 | 1.00 |
| Do Accum | 54.1 | 57.6 | +1.6 | .. |
| Higher Inc | 23.5 | 25.0 | .. | .. |
| Do acc | 23.5 | 25.0 | .. | .. |
| **FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD**<br>River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY<br>0732 361144 | | | | |
| American | 110.2 | 117.3 | +0.8 | 0.73 |
| Amer Equity Income | 35.9 | 38.2 | +0.3 | 4.22 |
| Amer Special Sits | 56.4 | 60.0 | +0.4 | 0.18 |
| Australia | 34.2 | 36.2 | +0.1 | 3.12 |
| European | 47.2 | 50.0 | -0.4 | 0.00 |
| Far East Inc | 36.8 | 39.0 | -0.3 | 3.94 |
| Gilt & Fixed Int | 29.9 | ● | -0.4 | 10.04 |
| Growth & Income | 102.8 | 109.4● | +0.4 | 4.39 |
| Japan Special Sits | 42.1 | 45.0 | -0.2 | .. |
| Japan | 148.2 | 158.1 | -0.2 | .. |
| Managed Int | 145.7 | 155.1 | -1.1 | 0.24 |
| Max Income Equity | 88.2 | 93.9 | +0.4 | 4.81 |
| Professional Gth | 35.9 | 38.2 | .. | 2.24 |
| South East Asia | 44.8 | 47.7 | -0.3 | 0.11 |
| Special Sits | 181.7 | 193.4 | +0.3 | 0.40 |
| **FLEMING (ROBERT)**<br>8, Crosby Sq, London EC3A 6AN<br>01-638 5858 | | | | |
| American Exempt | £364.8 | 371.0 | .. | 1.38 |
| Japan Exempt | £450.0 | 469.1 | .. | 0.79 |
| Am Property Tst | $10000.0 | | .. | 5.00 |
| Property Trust | £2023.0 | | .. | 5.80 |
| **FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT**<br>3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ<br>01-628 5181 | | | | |
| Amer & Gen Inc | 221.4 | 234.2 | +1.0 | .. |
| Do Accum | 226.2 | 239.2 | +1.0 | .. |
| Amer Turnarnd Inc | 215.2 | 227.6 | +1.2 | 1.21 |
| Do Accum | 223.2 | 236.0 | +1.2 | 1.21 |
| Capital Tst Inc | 223.0 | 235.8 | +2.2 | 2.14 |
| Do Accum | 271.8 | 287.2 | +2.8 | 2.14 |
| Conv & Gilt Inc | 91.4 | 96.6 | +0.5 | 5.14 |
| Do Accum | 123.8 | 131.0 | +0.5 | 5.14 |
| Extra Inc Tst Inc | 179.8 | 190.2c | +1.9 | 4.27 |
| Do Accum | 195.0 | 206.2c | +2.0 | 4.27 |
| Income Trust | 129.0 | 136.4● | +1.2 | 3.85 |
| Do Accum | 139.0 | 146.0● | +1.3 | 3.85 |

| | Bid | Offer | ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217238 | | | | |
| Amer Recovery Tst | 112.9 | 120.9 | +1.1 | 0.17 |
| Amer Smaller Co's | 54.0 | 59.8 | +1.4 | 0.22 |
| Australian | 90.0 | 96.3 | +0.1 | 1.99 |
| Capital Growth Inc | 62.8 | 67.0 | +1.1 | 1.51 |
| Do Accum | 72.6 | 77.9 | +1.4 | 1.51 |
| European | 274.4 | 293.5 | -0.4 | 1.20 |
| Euro Inc Tst | 48.3 | 51.9 | +0.2 | 3.97 |
| Euro Smaller Co's | 108.3 | 115.8 | +0.8 | 0.57 |
| Extra Income | 186.7 | 199.7 | +0.9 | 3.97 |
| Financial Trust | 164.5 | 175.0 | +0.6 | 2.41 |
| Fixed Interest Tst | 54.4 | 57.7 | -0.4 | 9.81 |
| Gilt Trust | 42.3 | 46.0 | +0.1 | 9.07 |
| Global Healthcare | 77.5 | 82.5 | +0.2 | 0.01 |
| Global Resources | 88.5 | 88.8 | +2.1 | 0.67 |
| Global Tech | 118.7 | 126.9 | -0.2 | 0.42 |
| Gold | 64.2 | 68.7 | +1.1 | 2.26 |
| High Income Tst | 202.0 | 216.0 | +1.8 | 4.40 |
| Hong Kong | 71.4 | 76.4 | +1.7 | 1.01 |
| Income & Growth Inc | 188.0 | 188.0 | +1.1 | 3.22 |
| Do Accum | 309.8 | 329.0 | +2.2 | 3.22 |
| Income Assets | 118.9 | 128.5 | +0.9 | 3.45 |
| International | 186.4 | 199.4 | -0.5 | 0.79 |
| Japan Special Sits | 175.7 | 187.1 | -2.2 | 0.01 |
| Japan Tst | 168.4 | 180.4 | -2.1 | 0.01 |
| North American | 149.1 | 159.5c | +0.8 | 0.54 |
| Pacific Smaller Co's | 82.3 | 88.4 | +1.4 | 1.13 |
| Pref & Gilt | 47.7 | 50.8 | +0.9 | 9.99 |
| Recovery Tst | 114.1 | 122.0 | +3.2 | 2.30 |
| Singapore & Malay | 37.2 | 39.8c | +1.1 | 0.95 |
| Smaller Co's Div | 129.7 | 137.7● | +1.0 | 4.35 |
| Special Sits Inc | 148.4 | 158.7 | +0.8 | 1.58 |
| Do Accum | 209.2 | 223.9 | +1.3 | 1.58 |
| Worldwide | 399.8 | 420.6 | .. | 2.49 |
| Euro Exempt | 133.9 | 140.9 | -0.8 | 2.14 |
| Global Tech Exempt | 92.3 | 97.2 | +0.1 | 1.10 |
| High Income Exempt | 131.1 | 138.0 | +0.8 | 4.75 |
| Japan Exempt | 173.8 | 182.9 | -1.7 | 0.16 |
| N Amer Exempt | 89.5 | 94.2 | +0.4 | 1.61 |
| Pacific Exempt | 208.8 | 219.8 | +3.5 | 2.03 |
| Smaller Co's Exempt | 125.1 | 131.7 | +1.5 | 1.59 |
| **HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS**<br>NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon<br>01-686 4355 01-628 8011 | | | | |
| British Trust Units | 576.7 | 610.3 | +3.5 | 2.90 |
| Capital Trust Units | 107.6 | 113.9 | +0.4 | 2.59 |
| Dollar Trust Units | 197.6 | 209.2 | +0.8 | 2.31 |
| European Trust | 151.4 | 160.3● | -1.5 | 0.95 |
| Far East Trust | 141.6 | 149.9 | -0.7 | 0.55 |

| | Bid | Offer | ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Japan Acc | 839.4 | 886.8 | -8.0 | 0.13 |
| Japan Smaller Acc | 83.4 | 88.4 | -0.4 | 0.00 |
| Midland & Gen Inc | 622.9 | 657.2 | +5.3 | 3.85 |
| Do Accum | £15.74 | 16.61 | +0.13 | 3.95 |
| Recovery Fund Inc | 401.5 | 423.6● | +3.8 | 3.10 |
| Do Accum | 526.0 | 554.0 | +4.7 | 3.10 |
| Second Gen Inc | 768.2 | 810.4● | +4.8 | 3.35 |
| Do Accum | £15.30 | 16.20 | +0.10 | 3.35 |
| Smaller Cos Inc | 718.7 | 760.0 | +5.1 | 2.68 |
| Do Accum | £11.35 | 12.12 | +0.08 | 2.68 |
| Trustee Fund Inc | 484.4 | 515.9 | +3.6 | 4.15 |
| Charibond Inc (3) | 107.7 | | .. | 11.28 |
| Charifund Inc (2) | 418.7 | 422.8 | .. | 5.54 |
| Pension Exempt (1) | 507.5 | 527.8 | +19.8 | 3.96 |
| NAACIF Inc (3) | 38.8 | | .. | 8.29 |
| Do Accum (3) | 469.8 | | .. | 8.29 |
| **MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD**<br>74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD<br>01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9<br>UK Specialist Trusts | | | | |
| Growth Gilt | 60.4 | 61.3 | .. | 0.40 |
| Smaller Co's | 145.7 | 154.8 | +1.5 | 1.26 |
| Special Features | 91.0 | 96.5 | +1.8 | 1.53 |
| Do Accum | 95.3 | 101.1 | +1.7 | 1.53 |
| General Funds | | | | |
| UK Growth | 39.7 | 42.1 | +0.1 | 2.07 |
| Managed Inv | 60.0 | 63.7 | .. | 2.66 |
| High Income Funds | | | | |
| Extra Inc | 88.6 | 94.2c | .. | 6.98 |
| Gilt | 24.8 | 26.1 | +0.1 | 8.16 |
| Inc & Growth | 221.5 | 235.0 | +1.6 | 3.79 |
| Nat High Inc | 211.9 | 224.8 | +1.1 | 4.34 |
| Pref Shares | 17.5 | 18.6● | +0.1 | 10.69 |
| Sector Specialist Funds | | | | |
| Commodity | 153.5 | 162.9 | +2.6 | 2.12 |
| Financial Secs | 49.1 | 52.1 | .. | 2.03 |
| Gold | 65.6 | 70.3 | +1.6 | 0.50 |
| Do Accum | 67.9 | 72.8 | +1.6 | 0.50 |
| Int Leisure | 15.2 | 16.1 | -0.1 | 0.56 |
| Prop Shares | 67.7 | 71.6 | +0.4 | 1.02 |
| Univ Energy | 46.1 | 48.9c | +0.5 | 1.51 |
| World Tech | 44.0 | 46.7 | .. | 0.81 |
| Exempt Funds | | | | |

| | Bid | Offer | ch'ng | Yld |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pacific Basin | 23.8 | 25.3 | .. | 1.70 |
| Canadian Bal Gth | 56.8 | 60.4 | +0.5 | 0.09 |
| Ginnie Mae Fnd | e104.5 | 108.9 | +0.3 | 9.00 |
| **WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS**<br>145 Borough High Street London SE1 1NU<br>1-628 6011 | | | | |
| **WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS**<br>2 Honey La EC2 8BT<br>01-606 9085/6 | | | | |
| Shr Dtd Gilt Fund | 69.8 | 70.9 | +0.2 | 0.00 |
| US Govt Bond Fd | e52.0 | 52.3 | +0.1 | .. |
| Challenger | 50.1 | 50.5 | +0.1 | 2.00 |
| **WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD**<br>Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD<br>01-405 8331 | | | | |
| Conv & Equity | 51.1 | 54.4 | +0.4 | 7.24 |
| Income | 59.6 | 63.7 | +1.1 | 4.60 |
| Growth | 60.0 | 63.9 | +1.0 | 1.34 |

### The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

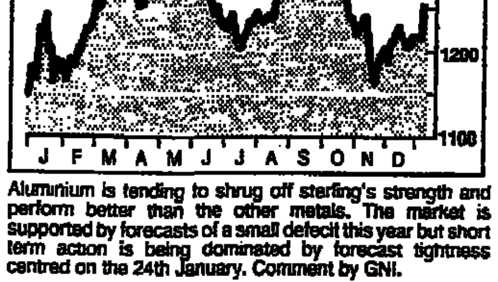
## UNLISTED SECURITIES

## INVESTMENT TRUSTS

| High | Low | Company | Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 110 | TR Australia | 117 | 119 | -1 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 35.2 |
| | 69½ | TR City Of Lon Dfd | 65 | 66½ | ●+½ | 3.1b | 4.7 | 31.0 |
| | 109 | TR Ind & Gen | 119½ | 120 | -¼ | 2.9b | 2.4 | 51.8 |
| | 109 | TR Natural Res | 142 | 145 | +2 | 5.9 | 4.1 | 30.9 |
| | 97 | TR North America | 105 | 107 | +1 | 2.6b | 2.5 | 53.8 |
| | 144 | TR Pacific Basin | 205 | 207 | +1½ | 1.4 | 0.7 | .. |
| | 45 | TR Property | 76 | 78 | .. | 1.9 | 2.5 | 51.3 |
| | 112 | TR Tech | 129 | 130 | +½ | 2.8 | 2.0 | 61.1 |
| | 152 | TR Trustees | 184 | 187 | ● .. | 5.1 | 3.1 | 43.8 |
| | 142 | Temple Bar | 179 | 181 | +2 | 8.1b | 4.5 | 31.5 |
| | 272 | Throgmorton | 338 | 341 | +5 | 11.9b | 3.5 | 40.7 |
| | 275 | Throg Dual | 260 | 290 | | .. | .. | |
| | 189 | Trans Oceanic | 227 | 232 | ● | 6.1 | 2.7 | 50.0 |
| | 128 | Tribune | 168 | 169 | | 4.0 | 2.4 | 46.1 |
| | 85 | Triplevest Inc | 85 | 88 | | 17.1 | 20.0 | 7.7 |
| | 247 | US Debenture | 325 | 330 | | 9.3 | 2.8 | 65.7 |
| | 39 | Value Inc Tst | 43 | 45 | | 1.8b | 4.1 | .. |
| | 33 | Viking Resources | 49 | 50 | +4½ | 2.9 | 5.9 | 24.4 |
| | 53 | Westpool | 72 | 74 | ● .. | 2.3 | 3.2 | 36.0 |
| | 95 | Witan | 122¼ | 123 | ●+1¼ | 2.6b | 2.1 | 69.7 |

## FINANCIAL TRUSTS

## COMMODITIES



Aluminium is tending to shrug off sterling's strength and perform better than the other metals. The market is supported by forecasts of a small defecit this year but short term action is being dominated by forecast tightness centred on the 24th January. Comment by GNI.

**INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE**
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Feb ...... 110.00
Mar ...... 107.00
Apr ...... 100.0-04.0
Vol: ...... 129

GAS OIL
Feb ...... 168.25-69.00
Mar ...... 163.75-63.50
Apr ...... 157.50-57.00
May ...... 152.50-52.00
Jun ...... 151.00-50.50
Jul ...... 153.00-50.00
Aug ...... 153.00-50.00
Sep ...... 153.00-50.00
Oct ...... 153.00-50.00
Vol: ...... 4907

**LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE**
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Mar ...... 148.6-48.4
May ...... 153.0-52.6
Aug ...... 157.4-56.8
Oct ...... 161.0-60.2
Dec ...... 165.6-63.2
Mar ...... 174.4-73.0
Vol: ...... 1914

COCOA
Mar ...... 1380-79
May ...... 1406-05
Jul ...... 1433-32
Sep ...... 1458-57
Dec ...... 1491-90
Mar ...... 1521-19
May ...... 1542-35
Vol: ...... 1786

COFFEE
Jan ...... 1580-570
Mar ...... 1590-585
May ...... 1610-600
Jul ...... 1636-635
Sep ...... 1675-660
Nov ...... 1680-650
Jan ...... 1700-660
Vol: ...... 5682

SOYABEAN
Feb ...... 132.0-30.0
Apr ...... 130.0-29.6
Jun ...... 122.5-22.2
Aug ...... 121.5-20.2
Oct ...... 122.4-21.6
Dec ...... 124.5-23.5
Feb ...... 127.0-24.0
Vol: ...... 11

**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE**
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash ...... 910.00-911.00
Three Months . 933.00-933.50
Vol ...... 2575
Tone ...... Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash ...... 881.00-882.00
Three Months . 910.00-911.00
Vol ...... Nil
Tone ...... Idle

LEAD
Cash ...... 300.00-301.00
Three Months . 296.50-297.00
Vol ...... 2525
Tone ...... Barely Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash ...... 499.00-501.00
Three Months . 498.50-499.00
Vol ...... 400
Tone ...... Steadier

SILVER LARGE
Cash ...... 371.00-373.00
Three Months . 381.00-383.00
Vol ...... Nil
Tone ...... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash ...... 371.00-373.00
Three Months . 381.00-383.00
Vol ...... Nil
Tone ...... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash ...... 789.00-791.00
Three Months . 801.00-801.50
Vol ...... 8675
Tone ...... Firmer

NICKEL
Cash ...... 2300-2310
Three Months ...... 2355-2360
Vol ...... 378
Tone ...... Barely Steady

**MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION**
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 13

GB: Cattle, 96.16p per kg lw (+2.32)
GB: Sheep 189.04p per kg* (-6.87)
GB: Pigs, 75.15p per kg lw (+2.52)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 40.7 %, ave. price, 96.31p(+2.99)
Sheep nos. down 33.0 %, ave. price, 189.07p(-5.84)
Pig nos. down 41.5 %, ave. price, 74.39p(+2.44)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 34.2 %, ave. price, 95.78p(+0.51)
Sheep nos. down 38.0 %, ave. price, 188.88p(-12.21)
Pig nos. down 52.2 %, ave. price, 82.79p(+4.52)

**LONDON MEAT FUTURES**
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

| Month | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 95.10 | 95.10 |
| Apr | 95.00 | 95.00 |
| Jun | 95.30 | 95.30 |
| Aug | 95.50 | 95.50 |
| | | Vol: 0 |

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

| Month | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 97.00 | 97.00 |
| Apr | 99.00 | 99.00 |
| Jun | 98.50 | 98.50 |
| | | Vol: 0 |

**LONDON GRAIN FUTURES**
£ per tonne

| Month | Wheat Close | Barley Close |
|---|---|---|
| Jan | 111.70 | 111.25 |
| Mar | 113.40 | 112.40 |
| May | 115.80 | 114.15 |
| Jul | 117.90 | |
| Sep | 100.85 | 100.15 |
| Nov | 102.90 | 102.85 |

Vol: Wheat ...... 179
Barley ...... 375

**LONDON POTATO FUTURES**
£ per tonne

| Month | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Feb | 118.50 | 119.00 |
| Apr | 173.00 | 169.80 |
| May | 193.00 | 189.00 |
| Nov | 89.00 | 89.40 |
| | | Vol: 1690 |

**BIFFEX**
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

| | High/Low | Close |
|---|---|---|
| Jan 87 | 800.0-789.0 | 789.0 |
| Apr 87 | 800.0-760.0 | 772.5 |
| Jul 87 | 675.0-659.0 | [illegible] |
| Oct 87 | 785.0-770.0 | 770.0 |

Vol: 456 lots Open interest [illegible]
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index [illegible]
789.0 up 0.5 on 12/1/87

## Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

| No. | Company | Group | Gain or loss |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Laporte | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 2 | Wolstenholme Rink | Chemicals,Plas | |
| 3 | Sharpe & Fisher | Building,Roads | |
| 4 | McAlpine (Alfred) | Building,Roads | |
| 5 | Brown & Tawse | Industrials A-D | |
| 6 | Breedon & Cloud Hil | Building,Roads | |
| 7 | Int Signal & Control | Electricals | |
| 8 | Coats Viyella | Drapery,Stores | |
| 9 | Reckitt & Colman | Industrials L-R | |
| 10 | Arenson | Industrials A-D | |
| 11 | Powell Duffryn | Industrials L-R | |
| 12 | APV | Industrials A-D | |
| 13 | Unigate | Foods | |
| 14 | Shiloh | Industrials S-Z | |
| 15 | Bejam | Foods | |
| 16 | Bass | Breweries | |
| 17 | DSC | Industrials A-D | |
| 18 | Firstland | Oil | |
| 19 | Ferguson Ind | Paper,Print,Adv | |
| 20 | Sketchley | Industrials S-Z | |
| 21 | Kershaw (A) | Industrials E-K | |
| 22 | Federated Hsg | Building,Roads | |
| 23 | McCarthy & S | Building,Roads | |
| 24 | Cullens | Foods | |
| 25 | Whitworth Elect | Electricals | |
| 26 | Hardanger | Property | |
| 27 | AB Elect | Electricals | |
| 28 | Micro Focus | Electricals | |
| 29 | Ransome Sims | Industrials L-R | |
| 30 | Bibby (J) | Industrials A-D | |
| 31 | Vickers | Industrials S-Z | |
| 32 | Marshall (Loxley) | Industrials L-R | |
| 33 | Ferranti | Electricals | |
| 34 | McKechnie | Industrials L-R | |
| 35 | Beazer (CH) | Industrials A-D | |
| 36 | Wilkes (James) | Industrials S-Z | |
| 37 | Brasway | Industrials A-D | |
| 38 | GEI Int | Industrials E-K | |
| 39 | Tex Hldgs | Industrials S-Z | |
| 40 | Beatson Clarke | Industrials A-D | |
| 41 | MS Int | Industrials L-R | |
| 42 | Fisons | Industrials E-K | |
| 43 | Eleco | Industrials E-K | |
| 44 | BICC | Electricals | |
| © Times Newspapers Ltd. | Daily Total | | |

Please take into account any minus signs

**Weekly Dividend**

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | Weekly Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | |

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

# Share gains continue

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end January 23. §Contango day January 26. Settlement day February 2.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

## Portfolio —Gold—

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DAILY DIVIDEND
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Claims required for
+36 points
Claimants should ring 0254-53272

### BRITISH FUNDS

| 1986 High | Low | Stock | | | Price | Ch'ge | Int. only yld% | Gross Red. yld% |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SHORTS (Under Five Years)** | | | | | | | | |
| 103 | 93½ | Exch | 13¼% | 1987 | 100⅛ | ●+⅛ | 13.2 | — |
| 100⅝ | 94¾ | Treas | 10½% | 1987 | 99⅞ | ● .. | 10.3 | — |
| 99⅝ | 94¾ | Exch | 2½% | 1987 | 98⅝ | .. | 2.5 | 8.907 |
| 99⅝ | 95⅛ | Exch | 10½% | 1987 | 99¾ | .. | 10.6 | 10.961 |
| 98¼ | 94½ | Fund | 6½% | 1985-87 | 99 | -⅛ | 6.6 | 8.648 |
| 101¼ | 95⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1987 | 99⅝ | .. | 10.0 | 10.858 |
| 97⅝ | 93¼ | Treas | 3% | 1987 | 97⅛ | ● .. | 3.1 | 8.206 |
| 104½ | 94¼ | Treas | 12% | 1987 | 100⅞ | .. | 11.9 | 10.683 |
| 99½ | 88 | Treas | 7¾% | 1985-88 | 97⅝ | ● .. | 7.9 | 10.140 |
| 104⅛ | 93⅝ | Exch | 10½% | 1988 | 99¾ | -⅛ | 10.5 | 10.871 |
| 102⅝ | 93½ | Treas | C9¾% | 1988 | 98¾ | -⅛ | 9.9 | 10.879 |
| 93⅝ | 91⅛ | Trans | 3% | 1978-88 | 93¼ | -⅛ | 3.2 | 7.910 |
| 102⅝ | 92⅞ | Treas | 9½% | 1988 | 98 | -⅛ | 9.7 | 10.882 |
| 107⅞ | 98½ | Treas | 11½% | 1989 | 101⅛ | -¼ | 11.4 | 10.768 |
| 105⅝ | 99¼ | Treas | 10½% | 1989 | 99⅞ | -⅛ | 10.6 | 10.887 |
| 104½ | 92⅝ | Exch | 10% | 1989 | 98⅝ | ●-⅛ | 10.2 | 10.718 |
| 111⅛ | 95¼ | Exch | 10¼% | 1989 | 100⅞ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 9.717 |
| 100⅝ | 96 | Exch | 11% | 1989 | 100½ | -¼ | 10.9 | 10.745 |
| 93⅝ | 87⅛ | Treas | 5% | 1986-89 | 89⅛ | -⅛ | 5.6 | 9.216 |
| 103¾ | 94⅝ | Treas | C9½% | 1989 | 97½ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 10.724 |
| 92 | 86⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1989 | 89½ | -⅛ | 3.3 | 8.005 |
| 114¼ | 97⅞ | Treas | 13% | 1990 | 105⅞ | ●-⅛ | 12.3 | 10.782 |
| 108¼ | 95 | Exch | 11% | 1990 | 105⅛ | ●-¼ | 10.9 | 8.208 |
| 113¼ | 100 | Exch | 12½% | 1990 | 104⅝ | -⅛ | 11.9 | 10.747 |
| 89⅝ | 81⅝ | Treas | 3% | 1990 | 84½ | -¼ | 3.5 | 10.778 |
| 100⅝ | 85⅞ | Treas | 8¼% | 1987-90 | 94¼ | -¼ | 8.8 | 8.368 |
| 108¼ | 94 | Treas | 10% | 1990 | 97⅞ | -¼ | 10.2 | 10.846 |
| 86¼ | 79 | Exch | 2½% | 1990 | 81⅞ | -¼ | 3.1 | 10.754 |
| 101⅛ | 95⅝ | Treas | C10% | 1991 | 100¼ | -⅛ | 10.0 | 10.721 |
| 112¼ | 95⅛ | Treas | 11¾% | 1991 | 103⅝ | -⅛ | 11.4 | 8.417 |
| 94¼ | 86 | Fund | 5¾% | 1987-91 | 87⅝ | -¼ | 6.6 | 9.962 |
| 110⅝ | 97⅛ | Exch | 11% | 1991 | 101½ | -⅛ | 10.8 | 10.612 |
| 86¼ | 78½ | Treas | 3% | 1991 | 80⅝ | -⅛ | 3.7 | 8.435 |
| **FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS** | | | | | | | | |
| 118¾ | 99½ | Treas | 12¾% | 1992 | 106⅛ | ●-⅛ | 11.8 | 10.808 |
| 107¾ | 93⅝ | Treas | 10% | 1992 | 97¾ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 10.598 |
| 109⅝ | 92¼ | Treas | C10¼% | 1992 | 98¾ | -⅛ | 10.5 | 10.597 |
| 117½ | 101⅛ | Exch | 12¼% | 1992 | 106⅝ | -⅛ | 11.5 | 10.702 |
| 123½ | 103⅛ | Exch | 13½% | 1992 | 111¾ | -⅛ | 12.1 | 10.708 |
| 108 | 92⅞ | Treas | 10% | 1993 | 97⅝ | -⅛ | 10.2 | 10.596 |
| 121⅛ | 98½ | Treas | 12½% | 1993 | 109 | ●-⅛ | 11.5 | 10.580 |
| 91⅞ | 81¼ | Fund | 6% | 1993 | 83⅞ | -⅛ | 7.2 | 9.210 |
| 128 | 105¼ | Treas | 13¾% | 1993 | 114⅞ | -⅛ | 12.0 | 10.627 |
| 133⅛ | 104¼ | Treas | 14½% | 1994 | 119⅛ | -⅛ | 12.2 | 10.629 |
| 122¼ | 103 | Exch | 12½% | 1994 | 109⅛ | -⅛ | 11.4 | 10.721 |
| 127¼ | 106⅝ | Exch | 13½% | 1994 | 113¾ | -⅛ | 11.9 | 10.732 |
| 103¼ | 88⅝ | Treas | 9% | 1994 | 92⅝ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 10.406 |
| 120 | 98 | Treas | 12% | 1995 | 107⅞ | ●-⅛ | 11.2 | 10.616 |
| 78⅞ | 71⅛ | Gas | 3% | 1990-95 | 75¾ | -⅛ | 4.0 | 8.771 |
| 110⅝ | 90¼ | Exch | 10¼% | 1995 | 98⅝ | ●-⅛ | 10.4 | 10.518 |
| 126 | 102¼ | Treas | 12¾% | 1995 | 112½ | -⅛ | 11.3 | 10.526 |
| 133¾ | 108 | Treas | 14% | 1996 | 118⅞ | ●-⅛ | 11.8 | 10.580 |
| 103¾ | 85¼ | Treas | 9% | 1992-96 | 92½ | -⅛ | 9.7 | 10.330 |
| 142½ | 114 | Treas | 15¼% | 1996 | 128¾ | -⅛ | 12.0 | 10.841 |
| 130½ | 104⅝ | Exch | 13¼% | 1996 | 116 | -⅛ | 11.4 | 10.630 |
| 84⅝ | 76¼ | Rdmpt | 3% | 1986-96 | 81 | -⅛ | 3.7 | — |

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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INDEX-LINKED

### BANKS DISCOUNT HP

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 142 | 127 | Rothschild (J) Hldr | 142 | 143 | ● .. | 7.6 | 5.3 | 14.9 |
| 429 | 273 | Royal Bank Of Scot | 298 | 301 | ● .. | 15.4 | 5.1 | 7.5 |
| 14⅝ | 358½ | Schroders | 780 | 800 | +15 | 15.4 | 1.9 | 15.2 |
| 884 | 547 | Stand Chart | 785 | 790 | -4 | 48.4 | 5.9 | 9.7 |
| 102 | 72 | TSB | 75½ | 76½ | +½ | 6.1 | 8.0 | .. |
| 815 | 636 | Union | 735 | 750 | .. | 52.9 | 7.1 | 74.8 |
| 78¾ | 57¼ | Wells Fargo | 74 | .. | ●-⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| 315 | 280 | Westpac | 300 | 310 | .. | 7.7 | 2.5 | 15.0 |

### BREWERIES

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 355 | 290 | Allied-Lyons | 342 | 345 | ● .. | 14.5 | 4.2 | 15.7 |
| 785 | 703 | Bass | 770 | 777 | ●+4 | 24.3 | 3.1 | 13.7 |
| 74½ | 57 | Belhaven | [illegible] | 70 | f+½ | 1.0 | 1.4 | 35.3 |
| 222 | 115 | Boddingtons | 131 | 133 | -1 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 16.6 |
| 596 | 546 | Brown (Matthew) | 547 | 553 | ● .. | 20.0b | 3.6 | 20.1 |
| 189½ | 129 | Buckleys | 169 | 170 | +3½ | 4.3 | 2.5 | 39.2 |
| 158 | 142 | Bulmer (H P) | 142 | 146 | ●-3 | 7.7 | 5.3 | 14.8 |
| 750 | 680 | Burtonwood Brew | 667 | 675 | ●-4 | 16.4 | 2.3 | 22.3 |
| 456 | 435 | Clark (Matthew) | 452 | 460 | +1 | 11.4 | 2.5 | 15.7 |
| 234 | 187 | Devenish (J A) | 228 | 232 | ●+1 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 28.6 |
| 216 | 186 | Greenall Whitley | 206 | 209 | ●-7½ | 7.9 | 3.8 | 10.4 |
| 292 | 263 | Greene King | 280 | 283 | ●+5 | 8.4 | 3.0 | 18.1 |
| 355 | 274 | Guinness | 283 | 285 | ●-4 | 11.6 | 3.9 | 11.2 |
| 646 | 473 | Hardys & Hansons | 618 | 625 | ● .. | 26.7 | 4.3 | 13.7 |
| 91 | 65 | Highland Dist | 86 | 88 | -½ | 3.1 | 4.5 | 13.2 |
| 147 | 140 | Invergordon Dist | 138 | 141 | ● .. | 6.8 | 4.9 | 8.9 |
| 288 | 180 | Irish Dist | 187 | 192 | ●+2 | 8.0 | 3.2 | .. |
| 117½ | 97 | Marston Thompson | 117 | 118 | ●+½ | 3.3 | 2.8 | 16.8 |
| 485 | 344 | Morland | 355 | 365 | ●+1 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 17.6 |
| 288 | 131 | SA Brewers | 222 | 230 | -2 | .. | .. | .. |
| 234 | 178 | Scot & New | 207 | 209 | ●+½ | 10.3 | 5.0 | 12.6 |
| 540 | 395 | Vaux | 510 | 512 | ●-12 | 17.9 | 3.5 | 17.6 |
| 316 | 243 | Whitbread 'A' | 277 | 280 | -3 | 11.5 | 4.1 | 12.9 |
| 318 | 248 | Do 'B' | 288 | 290 | +1 | 11.5 | 4.0 | 13.3 |
| 258 | 210 | Whitbread Inv | 255 | 260 | .. | 11.0 | 4.3 | 33.1 |
| 550 | 480 | Wolverhampton & D | 585 | 590 | ●+1 | 13.9 | 2.5 | 18.0 |
| 330 | 240 | Young 'A' | 282 | 292 | +2 | 11.4 | 4.0 | 19.6 |

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### TOBACCOS

| 1986 High | Low | Company | Price Bid | Offer | Ch'nge | Gross div p | Yld % | P/E |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 514½ | 444 | BAT | 507 | 512 | +9 | 18.4 | 3.6 | 13.3 |
| 168 | 123 | Carroll | 163 | 168 | ●+11 | .. | .. | .. |
| 201 | 135 | Rothmans 'B' | 193 | 194 | ●-1½ | 10.0 | 5.2 | 8.8 |

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

## APPOINTMENTS

# New managing director for UB International

**United Biscuits:** Mr **Edward Woods** is to join the company as managing director of UB International. Mr **Max Woolfenden** has become managing director of Wimpy International and **Mr Jo Stewart** managing director of Pizzaland International.

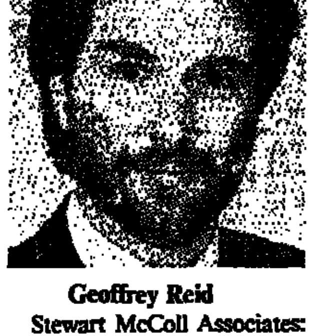
Richards, Longstaff (Insurance Holdings): The reconstituted board comprises Mr **Simon Scrope** (chairman), Mr **Andrew Bremner** (managing director), Mr **Nicholas Lund** (financial director), Mr **Neil Balfour** (director) and Mr **Michael Heathcoat-Amory** (director). New Richards, Longstaff (Insurance): The directors are Mr **Jeremy Coulter** and Mr **Colin Fellows**.

Prudential-Bache: Mr **Tim Holland-Bosworth** has joined Prudential-Bache Capital Funding as head of its corporate finance division and as a director of Prudential-Bache Capital Funding.

Price Waterhouse: Admitted as UK partners are Mr **Andrew J Allner**, Mr **Glyn A Barker**, Mr **Hugh Turrall-Clark** and Mr **Terence A Symons**.

Robert Fleming & Co: Mr **Robert Cooper** has been named as a director in the corporate finance department.

Lawson Mardon Group: Mr **R E Illingworth** has joined the board.



Geoffrey Reid

Stewart McColl Associates: Mr **Geoffrey Reid** has become a director.

Swan Court Group: Mr **Stephen Jones** has joined the board.

Schreiber: The strengthened management team includes Mr **Jim Fitzpatrick** as deputy managing director and Mr **Stan Matthews** as manufacturing director. Mr **David Schreiber** becomes chairman and Mr **Jim Riordan** takes over as managing director.

Squirrel Horn: Mr **Patrick Fox** and Mr **Alan McClue** become directors. Mr Fox takes over as chief executive.

Easams: Mr **Angus Cairns** has been named as managing director.

Steward: Mr **Derek Pritchard** becomes chairman.

Riley Leisure: Mr **Graeme Tully** has been named as group finance director.

Stag Group: Mr **Nicholas Radford** becomes managing director of Jaycee Furniture (Brighton).

Evans Halshaw: Mr **Geoffrey Dale** succeeds Mr Peter Green as chairman. Mr Green will remain as a non-executive director.

Amax: Mr **R L Hartung** has been elected to the board.

Benlox Holdings: Mr **Andrew Millar** has become non-executive chairman.

Hallite: Mr **Peter Bennett** is made a director.

Glanvill Enthoven North America: Mr **Peter Robinson** has become managing director and Mr **Leslie Hewitt** a director.

Peat Marwick: Mr **Toby Turl** and Mr **Peter Targett** have become partners.

Men's and Boys' Wear Exhibitions: Mr **Alain Cooper** has been appointed a director.

Retail Liberty: Mr **A A Salem** has been made group managing director.

Occidental International Oil: Mr **Michael Fitzgerald** has been named as vice-president, joint ventures, and Mr **Walter Voelke** has been made vice-president, finance.

McCann Consultancy: Miss **Caroline Gillies** has become a director.

## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

**Base Rates %**
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

**Discount Market Loans %**
Overnight High: 11¼ Low 10½
Week fixed: 10¾

**Treasury Bills (Discount %)**

| Buying | Selling |
|---|---|
| 2 mnth 10¾ | 2 mnth 10¾ |
| 3 mnth 10 21/32 | 3 mnth 10 9/16 |

**Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 mnth 10 13/16-10 25/32 | 2 mnth 10¾-10 23/32 |
| 3 mnth 10 27/32-10 19/32 | 6 mnth 10 5/16-10¾ |

**Trade Bills (Discount %)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 mnth 11 7/16 | 2 mnth 11¾ |
| 3 mnth 11 5/32 | 6 mnth 10 15/16 |

**Interbank (%)**
Overnight: open 11¾ close 12

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 week 11 1/16-10 15/16 | 6 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16 |
| 1 mnth 11⅛-11 | 9 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16 |
| 3 mnth 11 1/16-11 | 12 mth 11-10⅞ |

**Local Authority Deposits (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 days 10¾ | 7 days 10¾ |
| 1 mnth 10¾ | 3 mnth 10¾ |
| 6 mnth 10¾ | 12 mth 10¾ |

**Local Authority Bonds (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16 | 2 mnth 11 5/16-11 1/16 |
| 3 mnth 11¼-11 | 6 mnth 11⅛-10⅞ |
| 9 mnth 11⅛-10⅞ | 12 mth 11⅛-10⅞ |

**Sterling CDs (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 mnth 11 1/16-11 | 3 mnth 11-10⅞ |
| 6 mnth 10 27/32-10 25/32 | 12 mth 10¾-10⅝ |

**Dollar CDs (%)**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 mnth 6.20-6.15 | 3 mnth 6.05-6.00 |
| 6 mnth 6.05-6.00 | 12 mth 6.10-6.05 |

### EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Dollar** | | call | 6½-5½ |
| 7 days | 5 15/16-5 13/16 | 1 mnth | 6¼-6⅛ |
| 3 mnth | 6 3/16-6 1/16 | 6 mnth | 6 3/16-6 1/16 |
| **Deutschmark** | | call | 5-4 |
| 7 days | 4⅝-4½ | 1 mnth | 4⅝-4½ |
| 3 mnth | 4⅝-4½ | 6 mnth | 4⅝-4½ |
| **French Franc** | | call | 9¼-8¾ |
| 7 days | 11-10½ | 1 mnth | 10¾-10½ |
| 3 mnth | 10⅝-10⅜ | 6 mnth | 9⅞-9⅝ |
| **Swiss Franc** | | call | 2¼-1¼ |
| 7 days | 2⅛-1⅞ | 1 mnth | 3⅝-3½ |
| 3 mnth | 3 13/16-3 11/16 | 6 mnth | 3 13/16-3 11/16 |
| **Yen** | | call | 5-4 |
| 7 days | 4 5/16-4 3/16 | 1 mnth | 4⅝-4½ |
| 3 mnth | 4 7/16-4 5/16 | 6 mnth | 4⅝-4½ |

### ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period November 29, 1986 to December 31, 1986 inclusive: 11.392 per cent.

### BULLION

Gold:$409.00-409.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 407.00-410.00 (£273.00-275.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 96.50-97.50 (£64.75-65.50)
Platinum
$ 526.00 (£353.75)
Silver
$ 5.5600-5.5800 (£3.7300-3.7450)

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

| First Dealings | Last Dealings | Last Declaration | For Settlement |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan 5 | Jan 16 | Apr 2 | Apr 13 |
| Jan 19 | Jan 30 | Apr 23 | May 5 |
| Feb 2 | Feb 13 | May 7 | May 18 |

**Call options were taken out on:** 13/1/87 Hampton Trust, Marks & Spencer, Sunleigh, Eglinton, British Secs., Norfolk Cap., Bristol Chann., Ryan, Mitchell Cotts., Folkes, Lawrence W, Benlox, Highland Distillers, Amstrad, Hartons, Ashley, Morgan Grenfell, Abaco, Aquarius, Dalgety, Johnson Mattey, Guinness, Evered, Lilleshall, Jackson Exploration, Share Drug, Tyzack, W Manning, Tricentrol, Lyle Shipping, Arrow Trust, Mrs Field, Israel J, Cowie, Hyman, Boots, London International, Bentalls, Bardsey, Apricot, Dixons, Utd Guarantee, Argyle, Dominion, Nolton, Stockley, Tomkinsons, Benchmark, Dares Est.
Puts: Phoenix, Barclays, Comm. Union.
Puts & Calls: Eglington, Br. Secs, Amstrad, Br. Benzol, Ryan Int., Skyline, Bristol Chan.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

### STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

| | Market rates day's range January 13 | Market rates close January 13 | 1 month | 3 months |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| N York | 1.4890-1.4940 | 1.4910-1.4920 | 0.67-0.62prem | 1.75-1.70prem |
| Montreal | 2.0335-2.0424 | 2.0375-2.0403 | 0.61-0.51prem | 1.45-1.30prem |
| Ams'dam | 3.1433-3.1867 | 3.1433-3.1478 | 1⅝-1⅜prem | 4⅜-3⅞prem |
| Brussels | 57.78-58.64 | 57.78-57.89 | 9-2prem | 41-31prem |
| C'phgen | 10.6344-10.7568 | 10.6344-10.6565 | 1¼prem-⅜dis | 2⅝-⅞prem |
| Dublin | 1.0347-1.0483 | 1.0395-1.0405 | 18-26dis | 49-65dis |
| Frankfurt | 2.7896-2.8237 | 2.7896-2.7952 | 1⅞-1½prem | 4⅞-4⅜prem |
| Lisbon | 213.53-215.14 | 213.53-214.42 | 112-161dis | 240-336dis |
| Madrid | 192.03-194.07 | 192.03-192.30 | 30-50dis | 85-120dis |
| Milan | 1961.86-2001.96 | 1961.86-1967.60 | par-3dis | par-4dis |
| Oslo | 10.7536-10.8494 | 10.7536-10.7662 | 4½-5⅜dis | 15¾-16¾dis |
| Paris | 9.3417-9.3835 | 9.3417-9.3529 | 2-1¼prem | 5-3¾prem |
| St'khlm | 9.9019-9.9889 | 9.9010-9.9160 | 1⅜-⅞prem | 3⅜-2prem |
| Tokyo | 231.24-233.14 | 231.24-231.61 | 1½-1⅜prem | 3⅞-3⅜prem |
| Vienna | 19.61-19.89 | 19.61-19.64 | 9¾-8⅝prem | 25⅝-22⅝prem |
| Zurich | 2.3382-2.3620 | 2.3408-2.3620 | 1⅝-1½prem | 4⅜-4prem |

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 68.5 (day's range 68.5-68.9).

### OTHER STERLING RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Argentina austral* | 1.9044-1.9117 |
| Australia dollar | 2.2600-2.2800 |
| Bahrain dinar | 0.5595-0.5635 |
| Brazil cruzado* | 22.75-22.88 |
| Cyprus pound | 0.7380-0.7460 |
| Finland marka | 6.9285-6.9685 |
| Greece drachma | 201.85-203.85 |
| Hong Kong dollar | 11.560-11.573 |
| India rupee | 19.20-19.40 |
| Iraq dinar | n/a |
| Kuwait dinar KD | 0.4280-0.4320 |
| Malaysia dollar | 3.8301-3.8372 |
| Mexico peso | 1350-1400 |
| New Zealand dollar | 2.7813-2.7937 |
| Saudi Arabia riyal | 5.5610-5.6010 |
| Singapore dollar | 3.2036-3.2103 |
| South Africa rand | 3.0967-3.1119 |
| U A E dirham | 5.4480-5.4880 |

*Lloyds Bank

### DOLLAR SPOT RATES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ireland | 1.4345-1.4385 |
| Singapore | 2.1530-2.1560 |
| Malaysia | 2.5740-2.5770 |
| Australia | 0.6550-0.6580 |
| Canada | 1.3660-1.3685 |
| Sweden | 6.6500-6.6550 |
| Norway | 7.2125-7.2175 |
| Denmark | 7.1425-7.1475 |
| West Germany | 1.8730-1.8740 |
| Switzerland | 1.5700-1.5715 |
| Netherlands | 2.1120-2.1135 |
| France | 6.2600-6.2700 |
| Japan | 155.65-155.75 |
| Italy | 1334.0-1335.0 |
| Belgium(Comm) | 38.83-38.93 |
| Hong Kong | 7.7690-7.7720 |
| Portugal | 143.50-144.00 |
| Spain | 128.80-130.00 |
| Austria | 13.17-13.20 |

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

| Three Month Sterling | Open | High | Low | Close | Est Vol |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mar 87 | 89.30 | 89.33 | 89.19 | 89.21 | 4812 |
| Jun 87 | 89.65 | 89.67 | 89.58 | 89.60 | 672 |
| Sep 87 | 89.78 | 89.78 | 89.71 | 89.74 | 432 |
| Dec 87 | 89.70 | 89.70 | 89.68 | 89.68 | 23 |
| Mar 88 | N/T | — | — | 89.48 | 0 |
| Jun 88 | N/T | — | — | 89.27 | 0 |
| Previous day's total open interest 14325 | | | | | |
| Three Month Eurodollar | | Previous day's total open interest 24696 | | | |
| Mar 87 | 94.01 | 94.03 | 93.98 | 94.02 | 4359 |
| Jun 87 | 94.02 | 94.02 | 93.98 | 94.02 | 953 |
| Sep 87 | 93.93 | 93.94 | 93.89 | 93.93 | 458 |
| Dec 87 | 93.77 | 93.77 | 93.71 | 93.77 | 312 |
| US Treasury Bond | | Previous day's total open interest 3605 | | | |
| Mar 87 | 100-16 | 100-19 | 100-02 | 100-13 | 3754 |
| Jun 87 | N/T | — | — | 99-19 | 0 |
| Sep 87 | N/T | — | — | — | 0 |
| Short Gilt | | Previous day's total open interest 111 | | | |
| Mar 87 | N/T | — | — | 98-18 | 0 |
| Jun 87 | N/T | — | — | — | 0 |
| Sep 87 | N/T | — | — | — | 0 |
| Long Gilt | | Previous day's total open interest 17002 | | | |
| Mar 87 | 114-30 | 114-30 | 113-16 | 113-28 | 35177 |
| Jun 87 | N/T | — | — | 114-06 | 0 |
| Sep 87 | N/T | — | — | 114-17 | 0 |
| Dec 87 | N/T | — | — | 114-05 | 0 |
| FT-SE 100 | | Previous day's total open interest 3027 | | | |
| Mar 87 | 178.00 | 178.65 | 177.80 | 178.20 | 765 |
| Jun 87 | N/T | — | — | 181.20 | 0 |

## RECENT ISSUES

**EQUITIES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Ashtead (122p) | 151 |
| British Gas (50p) | 69½ +2½ |
| Cap & Regional (65p) | 72 +1 |
| Daniels S (130p) | 161 +3 |
| Fletcher King (175p) | 176 +1 |
| Gaynor (94p) | 111 |
| Geest (125p) | 173 |
| Glentree (16p) | 43 +2 |
| Gordon Russell (190p) | 211 -1 |
| Guthrie Corp (150p) | 170 |
| Halls Homes & Gdns (95p) | 113 +2 |
| Harmony Leisure (23p) | 30 |
| Hornby (100p) | 101 |
| Hoskyns Gp (128p) | 153 +3 |
| Johnson Fry | 158 -2 |
| Lon Ass Inv Tst (14p) | 22 +1 |
| Lloyds Chemist (105p) | 142 |
| Logitek (65p) | 69 +1 |
| Lon& Metropolitan (145p) | 168 |
| MIL (144p) | 151 +2 |
| Mezzanine (150p) | 76 |
| Mayborn (102p) | 113 |
| Nobo (152p) | 153 -2 |
| Northumbrian Food (60p) | 88 +1 |
| Plum Hldgs (90p) | 122 -1 |
| Spandex (170p) | 244 -5 |
| Sumit (135p) | 138 |
| TSB Chan Isles (70p) | 110 +1 |
| TSB Group (100p) | 76 +½ |
| Virgin (140p) | 136 +2 |
| Ward Group (97p) | 99 |
| Wilding Office (135p) | 150 -1 |

**RIGHTS ISSUES**

| | |
|---|---|
| Belhaven N/P | 15 -1 |
| Burgess Prod N/P | 31 |
| Freshbake N/P | 33 -1 |
| Marling F/P | 84 +1 |
| New Court N/P | 1¾ |
| Property Tst F/P | 2¾ +¼ |
| Parkdale F/P | 68 |
| Scanro N/P | 6 |
| Walker (Alfred) N/P | |

(Issue price in brackets).

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

| | Series | Calls Jan | Calls Apr | Calls Jul | Puts Jan | Puts Apr | Puts Jul |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allied Lyons (*344) | 300 | 45 | 57 | 65 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| | 330 | 16 | 35 | 42 | 3 | 9 | 20 |
| | 360 | 2 | 15 | 25 | 20 | 28 | 33 |
| British Gas (*70) | 50 | 19½ | 22 | 24 | ¼ | ½ | ¾ |
| | 60 | 9½ | 13 | 15 | ¼ | ¾ | 1¼ |
| | 70 | 1¾ | 5½ | 8¼ | 2½ | 4 | 5 |
| BP (*781) | 650 | 130 | 140 | 157 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| | 700 | 80 | 90 | 109 | 1 | 8 | 15 |
| | 750 | 30 | 50 | 68 | 3 | 30 | 35 |
| Cons Gold (*713) | 600 | 117 | 134 | 152 | 1½ | 7 | 10 |
| | 650 | 67 | 87 | 110 | 2 | 14 | 23 |
| | 700 | 17 | 52 | 75 | 7 | 27 | 42 |
| Courtaulds (*357) | 260 | 97 | 107 | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| | 280 | 77 | 87 | 94 | 1 | 1 | 1½ |
| | 300 | 57 | 68 | 75 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | 330 | 27 | 40 | 47 | 1 | 7 | 13 |
| Com Union (*285) | 260 | 27 | 34 | 41 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| | 280 | 8 | 20 | 29 | 4 | 13 | 17 |
| | 300 | 1½ | 10 | 18 | 16 | 24 | 30 |
| Cable & Wire (*362) | 300 | 63 | 73 | 88 | ¼ | 2 | 5 |
| | 325 | 38 | 51 | — | 1 | 6 | — |
| | 350 | 14 | 31 | — | 1½ | 12 | — |
| | 375 | 3½ | — | — | 17 | — | — |
| GEC (*192) | 160 | 33 | 38 | 42 | ¼ | 1½ | 4 |
| | 180 | 13 | 21 | 27 | 1 | 5½ | 9 |
| | 200 | 1½ | 10 | 16 | 10 | 16 | 19 |
| Grand Met (*454) | 360 | 95 | 100 | — | ¼ | 1 | — |
| | 390 | 65 | 70 | — | ½ | 1½ | — |
| | 420 | 35 | 47 | 62 | 1 | 6 | 12 |
| | 460 | 6 | 27 | 43 | 10 | 25 | 30 |
| ICI (*1184) | 1000 | 185 | 204 | 230 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | 1050 | 135 | 155 | 182 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| | 1100 | 85 | 120 | 142 | 2 | 15 | 22 |
| | 1150 | 38 | 78 | 110 | 4 | 29 | 42 |
| Land Sec (*342) | 300 | 44 | 54 | 59 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | 330 | 14 | 28 | 37 | 1 | 6 | 11 |
| | 360 | 2 | 12 | 19 | 19 | 21 | 24 |
| Marks & Spen (*196) | 180 | 17 | 24 | 30 | ½ | 6 | 7 |
| | 200 | 2 | 11½ | 18 | 6 | 12 | 15 |
| | 220 | ½ | 5½ | 9 | 25 | 27 | 29 |
| Shell Trans (*1042) | 900 | 143 | 153 | 165 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| | 950 | 93 | 103 | 120 | 1 | 10 | 15 |
| | 1000 | 43 | 65 | 80 | 1 | 20 | 28 |
| Trafalgar House (*298) | 260 | 39 | 48 | 55 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| | 280 | 19 | 32 | 39 | 2 | 7 | 11 |
| | 300 | 4 | 17 | 21 | 6 | 15 | 20 |
| TSB (*76) | 70 | 6 | 9 | 12 | ¾ | 2 | 3 |
| | 80 | ½ | 4½ | 6 | 4½ | 7 | 7½ |
| | 90 | ½ | 2 | 2½ | 14½ | 15½ | 15½ |

| | Series | Mar | Jun | Sep | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Beecham (*467) | 360 | 120 | — | — | 1 | — | — |
| | 390 | 90 | 98 | 110 | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| | 420 | 62 | 70 | 80 | 4 | 9 | 14 |
| | 460 | 25 | 42 | 52 | 13 | 25 | 28 |
| Boots (*248) | 200 | 52 | 60 | — | ½ | 2 | — |
| | 220 | 33 | 40 | 45 | 2½ | 6 | 8 |
| | 240 | 17 | 24 | 31 | 7 | 14 | 15 |
| BTR (*283) | 260 | 40 | 46 | 55 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| | 280 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 5 | 12 | 14 |
| | 300 | 11 | 20 | 28 | 16 | 22 | 25 |
| Bass (*772) | 700 | 95 | 115 | 135 | 5 | 10 | 17 |
| | 750 | 60 | 80 | 110 | 12 | 25 | 30 |
| | 800 | 30 | 45 | 55 | 35 | 50 | 55 |
| Blue Circle (*717) | 650 | 82 | 93 | 112 | 7 | 12 | 15 |
| | 700 | 40 | 55 | 75 | 15 | 25 | 32 |
| | 750 | 20 | 33 | 43 | 40 | 55 | 60 |
| De Beers (*865) | 650 | 240 | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| | 700 | 190 | 210 | — | 6 | 10 | — |
| | 750 | 140 | 165 | 195 | 13 | 22 | 35 |
| | 800 | 95 | 130 | 160 | 24 | 38 | 50 |
| Dixons (*339) | 300 | 48 | 56 | 64 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| | 330 | 26 | 34 | 46 | 15 | 20 | 20 |
| | 360 | 11 | 18 | 30 | 32 | 36 | 38 |
| GKN (*293) | 240 | 59 | 64 | 70 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| | 260 | 40 | 48 | 55 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| | 280 | 24 | 32 | 40 | 8 | 11 | 15 |
| | 300 | 14 | 22 | 28 | 15 | 20 | 24 |
| Glaxo (*1132) | 1000 | 162 | 200 | 230 | 7 | 13 | 22 |
| | 1050 | 120 | 155 | 195 | 11 | 23 | 32 |
| | 1100 | 77 | 130 | 160 | 22 | 40 | 50 |
| | 1150 | 45 | 92 | 130 | 45 | 65 | 75 |
| Hanson (*204) | 160 | 47 | — | — | ½ | — | — |
| | 180 | 27½ | 34½ | 39½ | 1 | 3 | 4 |

| | Series | Calls Mar | Calls Jun | Calls Sep | Puts Mar | Puts Jun | Puts Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hanson (cont) | 200 | 12 | 20½ | 25½ | 5 | 10½ | 11½ |
| | 220 | 4½ | 10½ | — | 17½ | 20 | — |
| Jaguar (*580) | 500 | 90 | 110 | 125 | 1½ | 6 | 10 |
| | 550 | 43 | 65 | 80 | 7 | 15 | 21 |
| | 600 | 17 | 35 | 52 | 30 | 40 | 52 |
| Thorn EMI (*506) | 420 | 100 | 113 | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| | 460 | 58 | 78 | 85 | 2½ | 9 | 12 |
| | 500 | 30 | 43 | 53 | 15 | 20 | 27 |
| | 550 | 8 | — | — | 60 | — | — |
| Tesco (*430) | 360 | 83 | 95 | 103 | 2½ | 4 | 7 |
| | 390 | 50 | 68 | 78 | 4 | 9 | 15 |
| | 420 | 23 | 38 | 55 | 8 | 15 | 25 |

| | Series | Feb | May | Aug | Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brit Aero (*550) | 420 | 137 | 143 | — | 1 | 2 | — |
| | 460 | 97 | 108 | 115 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | 500 | 60 | 68 | 80 | 3 | 7 | 12 |
| BAT Inds (*510) | 390 | 127 | 133 | — | 1 | 1 | — |
| | 420 | 97 | 103 | 115 | 1½ | 3 | 6 |
| | 460 | 58 | 70 | 85 | 3 | 9 | 14 |
| | 500 | 25 | 42 | 58 | 13 | 25 | 30 |
| Barclays (*525) | 460 | 72 | 80 | 90 | 2½ | 7 | 13 |
| | 500 | 38 | 50 | 60 | 10 | 20 | 25 |
| | 550 | 7 | 16½ | 30 | 32 | 42 | 60 |
| Brit Telecom (*217) | 180 | 40 | 47 | 50 | ¼ | 1½ | 3 |
| | 200 | 20 | 28 | 32 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| | 220 | 5½ | 15 | 19 | 8 | 12 | 17 |
| Cadbury Schwpps (*206) | 160 | 49 | 54 | 59 | ¼ | 2½ | 5 |
| | 180 | 29 | 35 | 45 | 1 | 4 | 8 |
| | 200 | 13 | 20 | 27 | 6 | 9 | 13 |
| Guinness (296) | 280 | 30 | 40 | 52 | 7 | 11 | 16 |
| | 300 | 15 | 30 | 40 | 21 | 25 | 30 |
| | 330 | 4½ | 15 | 25 | 40 | 43 | 45 |
| Ladbroke (*389) | 360 | 38 | 48 | 58 | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| | 390 | 17 | 28 | 40 | 10 | 18 | 20 |
| | 420 | 8 | 14 | 23 | 35 | 40 | 45 |
| LASMO (*176) | 140 | 40 | 44 | 50 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| | 160 | 20 | 28 | 35 | 2 | 9 | 13 |
| | 180 | 10 | 19 | 27 | 11 | 18 | 22 |
| Midland Bank (*581) | 550 | 50 | 57 | 78 | 6 | 13 | 33 |
| | 600 | 13 | 26 | 40 | 27 | 42 | 47 |
| | 650 | 3 | 11 | 20 | 72 | 82 | 85 |
| P & O (*549) | 460 | 97 | 105 | 115 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| | 500 | 57 | 70 | 80 | 4 | 9 | 12 |
| | 550 | 20 | 40 | 48 | 13 | 23 | 30 |
| Racal (*184) | 160 | 26 | 38 | 46 | 1½ | 4 | 6 |
| | 180 | 13 | 21 | 27 | 7 | 12 | 15 |
| | 200 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 19 | 24 | 25 |
| RTZ (*753) | 550 | 212 | — | — | 2 | — | — |
| | 600 | 162 | 177 | — | 2 | 4 | — |
| | 650 | 112 | 130 | 150 | 4 | 12 | 20 |
| | 700 | 67 | 90 | 107 | 10 | 27 | 40 |
| Vaal Reefs (*90) | 70 | 21 | 25½ | 28½ | 1 | 2 | 2½ |
| | 80 | 11½ | 18½ | 20½ | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| | 90 | 4½ | 11 | 13½ | 6 | 9 | 10½ |

| | Series | Mar | Jun | Sep | Mar | Jun | Sep |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lonrho (*249) | 200 | 52 | 58 | — | 1½ | 3 | — |
| | 220 | 34 | 38 | 43 | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| | 240 | 17 | 22 | 23 | 10 | 15 | 18 |
| | 260 | 7 | 12 | 16 | 23 | 26 | 29 |

| | Series | Feb | May | Aug | Feb | May | Aug |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£103) | 100 | 3⅝ | 3⅞ | 4¼ | 3/32 | ⅜ | ⅞ |
| | 102 | 1⅞ | 2⅝ | [illegible] | [illegible] | 1⅜ | 1⅝ |
| | 104 | 15/16 | 1⅝ | [illegible] | 1 7/16 | 2⅛ | 2¾ |
| Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£112) | 104 | — | 8⅝ | 9 5/16 | — | ¼ | 1¼ |
| | 106 | 6⅝ | 7⅝ | 7¾ | ¾ | 1 | 1 9/16 |
| | 108 | 4⅝ | 5 9/16 | 6 7/16 | 17/32 | 1 11/16 | 2 5/16 |
| | 110 | [illegible] | 4 9/16 | 5¼ | 1 7/16 | 2¾ | [illegible] |
| | 112 | 1¾ | 3⅜ | 4⅛ | [illegible] | 3⅝ | [illegible] |
| | 114 | 1 1/16 | 2⅝ | 3⅜ | 3⅜ | 4½ | [illegible] |

| | | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FT-SE Index (*1767) | 1550 | 218 | — | — | — | ¼ | — | — | — |
| | 1575 | 193 | — | — | — | ½ | — | — | — |
| | 1600 | 168 | 178 | 185 | — | ½ | 1 | 3 | — |
| | 1625 | 142 | 153 | 160 | — | ¾ | 1½ | 5 | — |
| | 1650 | 118 | 130 | 138 | 150 | 1 | 3½ | 8 | 15 |
| | 1675 | 93 | 107 | 117 | 130 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 17 |
| | 1700 | 72 | 82 | 95 | 108 | 4 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| | 1750 | 30 | 47 | 65 | 80 | 21 | 32 | 37 | 40 |

January 13, 1987. Total contracts 58671. Calls 45815. Puts 12856. FT-SE Index. Calls: 1692. Puts: 642. *Underlying security price.

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## Law Report January 14 1987

# Issuing CS under royal prerogative

**Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Northumbria Police Authority**

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment December 19]

Notwithstanding that the Home Secretary had no power under the Police Act 1964 to issue plastic baton rounds or CS gas from a centrally maintained supply directly to chief constables without the consent of their police authority, he remained empowered to so act in the exercise of the royal prerogative in order to meet actual or apprehended breaches of the peace.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in dismissing an application for judicial review of the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to issue and apply Circular No 40/1986, "Plastic Baton Rounds/CS: Central Facilities" dated May 19, 1986.

Mr David Keene, QC and Mr David Pannick for the police authority; Mr John Laws for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that the circular of May 19, 1986 provided for the issue of plastic baton rounds and CS gas under strict conditions in situations of serious public disorder.

All police requirements for such equipment were to be met from a central store. The arrangements would extend to cases where a chief officer had been unable to obtain his police authority's agreement to purchase the equipment.

During the course of argument the applicants accepted that the secretary of state had power to maintain such a store. That acceptance was correct, having regard to section 41 of the Police Act 1964.

The applicants sought a declaration that the secretary of state had no power to issue such equipment without the consent of the local police authority, save in a situation of grave emergency.

Mr Laws suggested that that power could be derived from section 41 of the 1964 Act. The court found it impossible to accept that derivation. The statutory power to maintain a central store did not carry with it by necessary implication a power to supply otherwise than at the request of the police authority. If the secretary of state had such a power it could not be derived from the 1964 Act. No other statute was in point.

Mr Laws argued that the power was within the royal prerogative. The position of the Home Secretary was stated by Lord Campbell, Lord Chief Justice, in *Harrison v Bush* ((1855) 5 E & B 354, 363): "In practice, to the Secretary of State for the Home Department ... belongs peculiarly the maintenance of the peace within the kingdom, with the superintendence of the administration of justice as far as the royal prerogative is involved in it."

Mr Keene accepted that there might be situations where there was a perceptible risk of disorder on a scale which would warrant the provision of special equipment. He argued that if a local police authority refused to supply the force with that equipment it would be exposed to allegations of irrationality in an application for judicial review.

The court however did not regard that exposure as apt to deal with a risk which might become actual disorder tomorrow rather than after the substantive hearing of an application for judicial review.

The availability to a chief constable of suitable equipment for the purpose of restoring or maintaining the peace ought not to depend upon the outcome of such an application unless there was a compelling reason in law for such a dependency.

The prerogative powers of themselves were adequate to empower the supply of equipment where the equipment was necessary to meet either an actual or an apprehended threat to the peace.

The critical question was whether the power (otherwise than in regard to a grave emergency) survived the 1964 Act. It was plain from *Attorney-General v De Keyser's Royal Hotel* ([1920] AC 508) and *Laker Airways Ltd v Department of Trade* ([1977] QB 643) that where a statute covered the same power as was enjoyed under the prerogative then the prerogative power was no longer exercisable.

The court could not accept the submission that a prerogative power to supply (other than in grave emergency) was inconsistent either expressly or by implication with the statutory power to equip conferred upon police authorities.

The prerogative power was not the subject of a statutory equivalent as it was in *De Keyser's* case nor did section 4(4) of the 1964 Act confer a monopoly power so as to limit the prerogative by implication.

That subsection was not drawn so as to create a monopoly and even granted the different statutory functions of a police authority and of the secretary of state there was no cause to imply that the conferred power was to be a monopoly.

The secretary of state's power to supply equipment to meet actual or apprehended breaches of the peace was neither by the terms of the 1964 Act nor by implication from it placed in abeyance.

The declaration sought should accordingly be refused. The decision whether or not to use equipment supplied by the secretary of state was for the chief constable alone to make. The judgment of the court related to supply, not to user.

The court would not intervene to control the use which a chief constable made of the resources available to him: see *R v Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, Ex parte Central Electricity Generating Board* ([1982] QB 458).

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

# Rules cannot save bad defence of tender

**Dastur v John Laing Construction Ltd**

Before Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment December 19]

The defence of tender was a common law defence to which none of the County Court Rules 1981 save Order 9, rule 12 applied. Thus a tender which was bad at common law could not be made good by a provision which merely stated that for the purposes of the rules and unless the court otherwise ordered, a claim was to be treated as a liquidated demand.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the defendant, Mrs Z. B. Dastur from a decision of Judge Tumim at Willesden County Court on February 28 1986, who gave judgment for the plaintiff, John Laing Construction Ltd.

Mr Richard Slowe, who did not appear below, for the defendant; Mr Timothy Higginson for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that the defendant drove her car into the plaintiff's stationary car. Correspondence ensued between the plaintiff's insurers' solicitors and the defendant's insurers.

The plaintiff offered to settle if the defendant paid damages for the repairs to the car and a sum for loss of use together with costs but warned that if the matter were not settled the plaintiff might add a claim for interest.

The defendant's insurers replied enclosing a cheque which excluded the sum claimed as costs. The plaintiff's solicitors did not cash the cheque and commenced proceedings in the county court for a sum which was in excess of the previous claim in that it included interest.

The defendant's defence denied liability for interest and costs and referred to the fact that a cheque for the damages had already been sent.

That constituted a defence of tender under Order 9, rule 12 of the County Court Rules 1981 which provided: "Where a defence of tender before action is pleaded, the defendant shall pay into court the amount alleged to have been tendered, and the tender shall not be available as a defence unless and until the payment into court has been made."

The defendants paid into court a sum which was the total of damages and interest and thus exceeded the amount alleged to have been tendered. The judge rejected the defence of tender.

He referred to the amount of payment in being different from the amount tendered but it was clear that the basis of his decision was that the tender did not include interest and that he considered that under Order 11, rule 1(8) it should have done so.

The judge erred in so far as he considered that Order 9, rule 12 required the payment in to be of the amount tendered and no more. If a defendant paid into court more than that amount in order to guard against the possibility of the plaintiff recovering more than the amount tendered, he had still paid in the amount tendered.

It would be an absurdity to hold that in such circumstances the defence of tender, if otherwise good, was not available for non-compliance with Order 9, rule 12.

The judge also erred in holding that the tender was bad because it did not include interest and founded his decision on Order 11, rule 1(8) which was concerned with payment-in under that rule in an action.

It had no bearing on the question of tender before action. Therefore the judgment could not be sustained on the grounds relied on by the judge.

However, the plaintiffs sought to uphold the judgment on the ground that the claim was one for unliquidated damages so that the defence of tender was not available at all.

The defendant accepted that the claim albeit quantified, was one for unliquidated damages but contended that Order 1, rule 10 which was headed "Cost of repairs to be treated as liquidated claim in road accident case" made the defence available notwithstanding that in law it was an unliquidated claim.

However, that rule could not avail the defendant in the present case since the claim included a small amount for the loss of use of the car. Even if it were solely for the repair costs, the rule would not be of any avail.

The rule ended with the words "shall, unless the court otherwise orders, be treated as a liquidated demand for the purposes of these rules". The defence of tender was a common law substantive defence to which the rules other than Order 9, rule 12 had nothing to do.

They could not in any event amend the substantive law. Moreover, the rule itself gave the court a discretion, and a discretion to allow or disallow a substantive common law defence available to a defendant was not, even if *intra vires*, within the contemplation of the rule.

If a tender was made which was bad at common law it could not thereafter be made good by a provision which stated merely that, for the purposes of the rules and unless the court otherwise ordered, the claim should be treated as a unliquidated demand.

Therefore tender was not available and the plaintiff was entitled to proceed to action and claim both interest and costs.

Lord Justice Bingham agreed.

Solicitors: Mr R. F. Prestney-Archer, Stratford; Shoosmiths & Harrison, Reading.

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## European Law Report Luxembourg

# Applying equal treatment remedy

**The Netherlands v Federatie Nederlandse Vakbeweging**
Case 71/85

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, T. F. O'Higgins, F. A. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, O. Due, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, R. Joliet, J. C. de Carvalho Moitinho de Almeida and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias.

Advocate General G. F. Mancini
(Opinion July 2, 1986)

[Judgment December 4]

The principle of equal treatment for men and women in social security matters, embodied in article 4 of Council Directive No 79/7 could be relied upon, with effect from December 23, 1984, by a private individual before national courts as against the application of any provision of national law which was incompatible with that article.

The respondent (FNV) had summoned the State before the President of the Arrondissementsrechtbank (District Court), The Hague, seeking an order requiring the state, *inter alia*, to suspend or at least to render ineffective until the entry into force of new legislation, article 13(1), point 1, of the Wet Werkloosheidsvoorziening (law on unemployment benefit — WWV) which excluded from "the right to payments a worker who, being a married woman, could not be regarded as a wage earner (Kostwinster) pursuant to regulations laid down by the appropriate Minister ... or who does not live permanently separated from her spouse."

The FNV maintained that married women excluded from the benefit of unemployment allowance by the aforementioned provision had acquired a right to those payments by virtue of the combined provisions of the WWV and article 4 of Directive No 79/7 of December 19, 1978, on the progressive implementation of the principle of equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security matters (OJ 1979, L6, p24).

It was not disputed that article 13(1), point 1, of the WWV was contrary to the principle of equal treatment as defined in article 4 of the directive.

The President granted an order requiring the State to amend the disputed article 13 before March 1, 1985.

The State appealed against that judgement to the Gerechtshof (Regional Court of Appeal), The Hague, and the FNV both contested the State's grounds of appeal and cross-appealed against the judgment.

The Gerechtshof suspended its proceedings and submitted three questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

In accordance with the well-established case-law of the Court in any case where the provisions of a directive appeared to be unconditional and sufficiently precise, individuals might rely upon them in the absence of implementing measures adopted within the prescribed period, as against any national provision which was incompatible with the directive or in so far as they defined rights which individuals were able to assert against the State.

The Gerechtshof wished to know whether article 4(1) of the Directive was of such a nature and consequently, whether that article gave rise to rights for the benefit of individuals in The Netherlands between December 23, 1984, the date upon which the Directive should have been implemented and the date on which the new national legislation on the subject had been adopted.

As the Court had held in its judgment of June 24, 1986, in *Drake v Adjudication Officer* Case 150/85 (*The Times*, June 25, 1986), the objective of introducing the principle of equal treatment between men and women in social security matters was given effect by article 4(1), which prohibited any discrimination on the ground of sex, whether directly or indirectly by reference in particular to marital or family status, in particular as concerned the scope of social security schemes and the conditions of access thereto.

Considered in isolation, and taking into consideration the purpose of the directive and its contents, article 4(1) prohibited any discrimination based upon sex in a general manner and in unequivocal terms. The provision was therefore sufficiently precise to be raised by a party to legal proceedings and applied by the judge.

Article 4(1) of the Directive did not give member states the option of making the principle of equal treatment subject to conditions or of restricting its scope of application, and that provision was therefore sufficiently precise and unconditional in order to be relied upon from December 23, 1984, in the absence of implementing measures, by individuals before the national courts as against the application of any provision of national law which was incompatible with that article.

On those grounds, the European Court of Justice ruled:

1 Article 4(1) of Council Directive 79/7 of December 19, 1978, on the prohibition of any discrimination based upon sex in social security matters, might, in the absence of implementation of the Directive, be relied upon with effect from December 23, 1984, as against the application of any provision of national law which was not in conformity with that article.

In the absence of measures for the implementation of that article, women had the right to be treated in the same manner and to have the same system applied to them as men in the same situation, a system which remained, failing execution of that Directive, the only valid system of reference.

2 A member state might not rely upon its discretion in the choice of means for the implementation of the principle of equal treatment in social security matters provided for by Directive 79/7 to deny any effect to article 4(1) which might be relied upon before the courts despite the fact that that directive had not been implemented as a whole.

# UK infringed Community financial levy rules

**Commission of the European Communites v United Kingdom**
Case 93/85

Before Lord Mackenzie Stuart, President and Judges Y. Galmot, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, U. Everling, R. Joliet and G. C. Rodriguez Inglesias

Advocate General C. O. Lenz
(Opinion November 4, 1986)

[Judgment December 18]

Under the system for the replacement of financial contributions from member states by the Communities' own resources, the member states were responsible only for collecting those resources and making them available to the Commission which had sole responsibility for their management.

Council Regulation No 2891/177 of December 19, 1977 (OJ 1977 No L336, p1) implemented the decision of April 21, 1970 on the replacement of financial contributions from member states by the Communities' own resources.

That regulation provided that the amount of own resources, such as agricultural levies and common customs tariff duties, were to be credited by each member state to an account opened for that purpose at the latest by the 20th of the second month following the month during which the entitlement was established.

By way of derogation to that rule, article 10(2) provided, *inter alia*: "If necessary, member states may be invited by the Commission to bring forward by one month the entering of resources other than VAT resources."

Article 11 stipulated that any delay in making the entry in the account was to give rise to the payment of interest by the member state concerned at a rate equal to the highest rate of discount ruling in the member states on the due date.

In Spring 1983 agricultural expenditure had reached such a high level that, for the first time, the Commission had seen fit to resort to those provisions. To that end it had sent Telex messages to the member states on April 28, 1983 inviting them to bring forward to May 20 the entering of own resources established in April and normally due by June 20.

The UK did not act on that invitation: it did not pay the resources in question amounting to £115,089,307 until one month later.

The Commission subsequently brought an action before the Court of Justice of the European Communities in which it alleged that the UK had infringed articles 10(2) and 11 of Regulation No 2891/77. The highest rate of discount ruling in the member states on the relevant date was 20.5 per cent applied by the Bank of Greece.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The UK had contended that article 10(2) imposed no obligation on the member states. The UK authorities had been willing to comply with the Commission's invitation but parliamentary approval was necessary since, in the UK's view, the payment in question was not one which it was required to make in order to meet an obligation under Community law.

However, owing to the dissolution of Parliament on May 13, 1983 it had not been possible to obtain that approval.

Under the system instituted by the decision of April 21, 1970 and by Regulation No 2891/77 the role of member states was limited to establishing the Communities' own resources in accordance with their national provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action and subsequently making them available to the Commission.

On the other hand, responsibility for administering, at Community level, the system established by the decision and the Regulation lay with the Commission, in accordance with the principles in the financial provisions of the Treaty, in particular article 205.

The purpose of article 10(2) of Regulation No 2891/77 was to enable the Commission "if necessary" to bring forward by one month the entering of own resources in order to counter any cash flow problems that the Commission might experience over a certain period.

In view of the autonomy conferred on the Commission with regard to the management of own resources and of the allocation of tasks as between the Commission and the member states, the exercise of the power provided for in article 10(2) could not be dependent on the agreement of the various member states.

Indeed as the Commission had rightly argued, only the Commission could assess whether it was necessary to bring forward the entering of own resources since the member states were responsible only for collecting the resources and making them available but not for their management; they were under a duty to bring forward the entry of such own resources without expressing agreement or disagreement.

On those grounds, the European Court:

1 Declared that the United Kingdom had failed to fulfil its obligations under the first subparagraph of article 10(2) and under article 11 of Council Regulation No 2891/77 of December 19, 1977, by not complying with the invitation addressed to it pursuant to article 10(2) by the Commission and by refusing to pay the interest provided for in article 11 in respect of the delay with which it credited to the Commission's account the own resources for April 1983.

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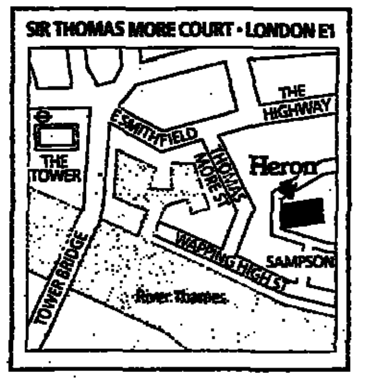

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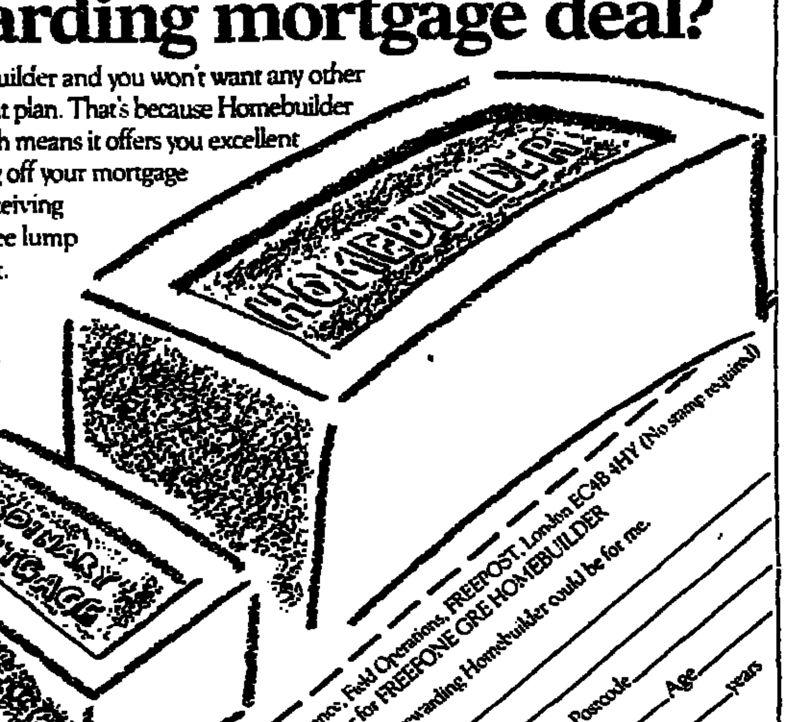

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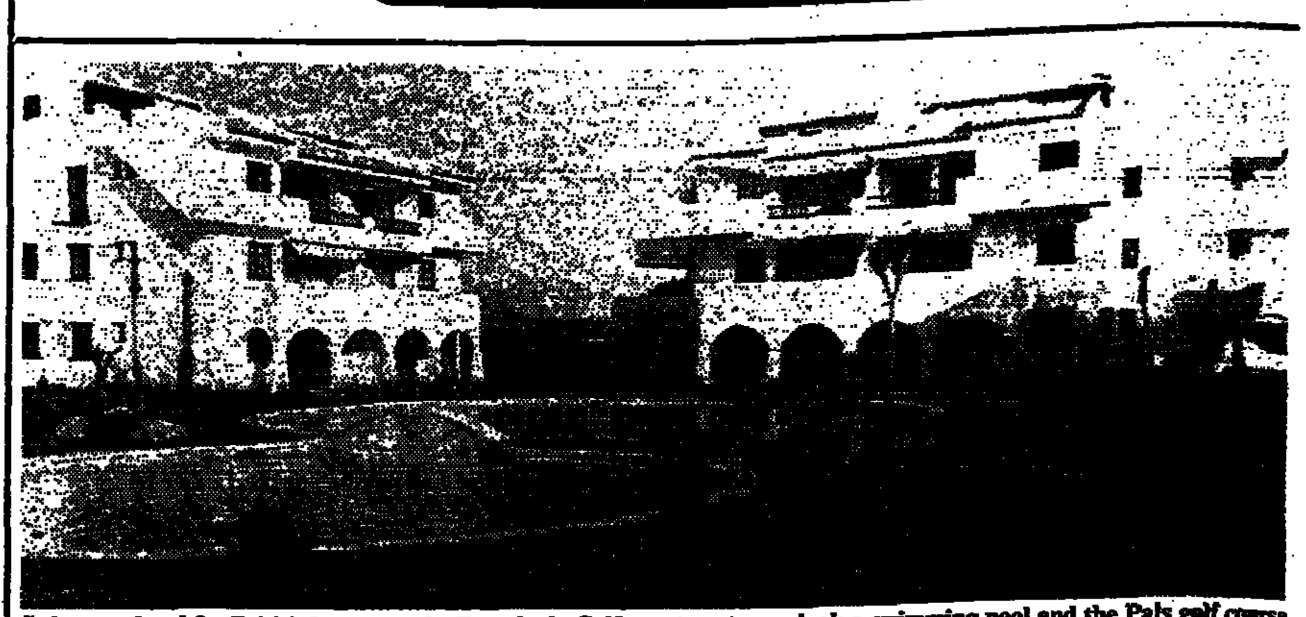

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# Olympic winner for Barcelona

### By Diana Wildman

Barcelona is emerging triumphant as the city chosen to host the 1992 Olympic Games, and attention is now focusing on the various spin-offs from which the whole area will benefit during the next five years or so.

The water sports, among others, will be held at various locations within striking distance of the city and, of course, rental demand for suitable accommodation will be at an all-time high throughout the Olympic season.

This is bound to generate a much needed boost to the leisure-home market along the Costa Brava, where current prices are roughly just one-third of those for comparable properties along the Costa del Sol.

UK property interest is bound to be rekindled by the fact that the final leg of the Olympic torch run starts on Spanish soil near La Escala, a delightful old fishing village just south of the ancient Greek ruins at Ampurias on the Gulf of Rosas.

Stringent planning controls now strictly limit both the position and the design of new schemes in and around La Escala and virtually all current building is in traditional Spanish style with plenty of use being made of red-clay roof tiles, white-washed walls, wooden-shuttered windows and french doors leading on to wood-railed balconies.

## All projects on the same design theme

The local developer, I.T.P., which markets its properties through Brighton-based Intercontinental Property Investments (IPI Ltd), has a number of local projects under construction and all follow this design theme. The result is property which blends naturally into the surroundings, giving a pleasing feel of permanency.

Five minutes' walk from La Escala's original fishing port and overlooking the sea is Punta Romana, a low-rise wide apartment block, of which the first 50 are built and sold, apart from one one-bedder at £25,000 and a two-bedroom apartment at £34,000. These are ready for immediate occupation, while the second 40 one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments will be completed by next spring, with prices here ranging from £25,000 to £43,000.

There is a swimming pool, underground garaging and clifftop gardens, and the block is particularly pleasing as all the balconies have been designed differently, are of differing sizes and make good use of wrought-iron work and coloured tiles creating a slightly Moorish feel.

The I.T.P. director Willem van der Horst believes this scheme should appeal to the purchaser who is planning to retire abroad, not least because of its proximity to the local shops and market and to the private medical centre, which is literally a couple of minutes' walk away.

This quiet northern end of the Costa Brava is still relatively unspoilt, partly because the rugged terrain does not allow for large speculative development. In addition, the area has yet to establish itself as an all-year-round holiday resort — so rental income is, by definition, limited.

Just outside the purpose-built marina village of Riells, which is virtually a continuation of La Escala, lies Mira-Flores, a small development of compact three-bedroom terraced villas, all set within pine trees. There will eventually be 42 of them. The rural location belies the fact that it is just half a mile to the sea.

These two-storey town houses, which are being built in phases, will have landscaped gardens and a swimming pool due for completion in May. All the houses have a garage, gardens, terraces off the main bedroom and fitted cupboards and wardrobes throughout. The next phase of houses, priced from £34,000 to £36,000, is due for completion in the spring.

Golf courses are at an absolute premium along the Costa Brava and the 18-hole championship course at Pals is virtually the only one in the area. Nine building plots are for sale here, all with direct access to the course, and the cost of purchasing a plot and having a three-bedroom, two-bathroom villa built is about £90,000 — the whole operation taking eight to nine months.

Perhaps it would be more practical to consider buying a two-bedroom apartment in one of the three small blocks overlooking the eighth hole. Two are built and occupied and the third is due for completion next month. The development is known as Ducado de Golf. Every block contains 12 two-bedroom units, all with views over the swimming pool to the golf course.

Again, the architecture follows the traditional style, with modern touches such as large picture windows allowing the light to pour into the split-level living areas.

Prices for the seven apartments still for sale range from £38,000 to £47,500.

**Details:** Howard Taylor, Intercontinental Property Investments, 34 Ship Street, Brighton BN1 LAD (0273 774098/724369).

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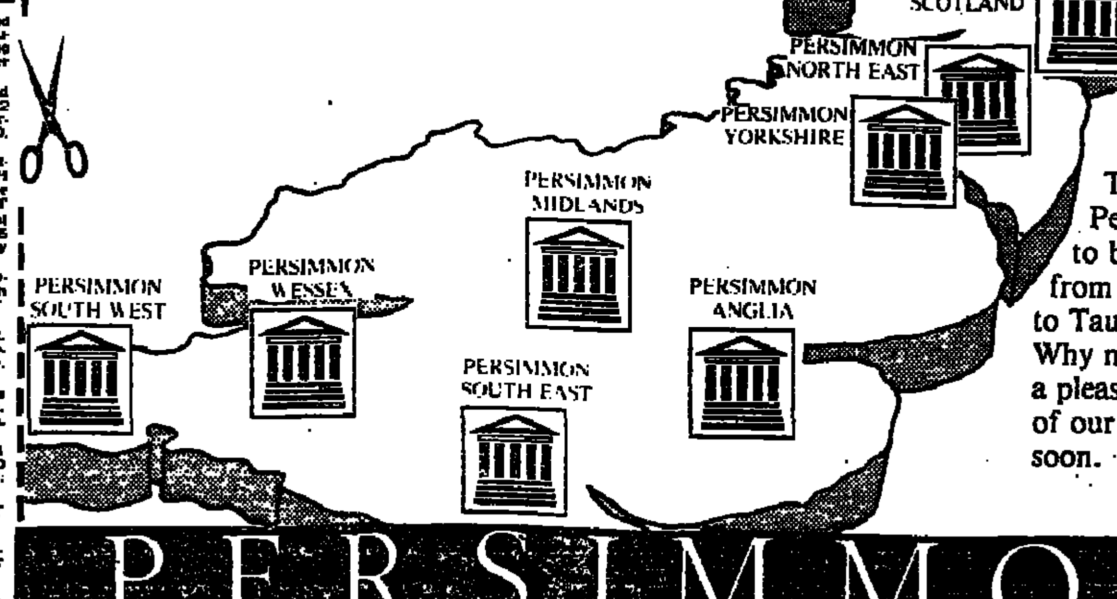

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# The medieval weaver and his farmhouse

■ Rooksey Green Farmhouse, at Preston St Mary, near Lavenham, west Suffolk, is a late 15th-century or early 16th-century weaver's hall of timber frame under a thatched roof. It was extended in 1953 and 1984 as an attactive family house.

The house is set in partly moated grounds of eight acres, close to Lavenham, which came to prominence as a medieval weaving township. It has an entrance hall with an original brick fireplace, three reception rooms, a kitchen-breakfast room, a master bedroom suite and three further bedrooms. There are outbuildings, two ponds and two paddocks in the grounds, and David Bedford, of Bury St Edmunds, is asking for offers of more than £185,000.

■ **Georgian houses in Cheshire rarely come on to the market, so the Chester office of Jackson Stops & Staff expects keen interest in Mulberry House, at Comberbach, near Northwich. The house has three or four reception rooms, six bedrooms and three bathrooms and has been completely refurbished. It has views over open countryside and is set in 2.6 acres of gardens, including a stream and paddock. The price is £225,000.**

## Life under the clock

■ Number 2, Coombe Hill Stables, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, was formerly part of a Georgian stable block built around 1806 and has recently been converted into a small courtyard development. This property incorporates the original clock tower and is for sale at £450,000 for a 99-year lease, through Sturgis's Wimbledon office. The freehold is jointly owned by the residents. Many of the rooms have the original exposed brick and ceiling beams, and the accommodation includes a lounge, a dining room, a luxurious kitchen, a master bedroom and a second bedroom.

■ **Glendale cottage, in the village of Warmington, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, is a traditional Victorian-age cottage, built in 1912. It retains Victorian fireplaces and tile work in the sitting room and two bedrooms, and the original built-in range and wooden mantle in the dining room. The cottage has panelled doors throughout, and a third bedroom, plus a studio room on the second floor. Colliers Bigwood and Bewley, of Banbury, are asking £72,500.**

## 18th-century glory

■ Shepherds Hill House is an early 18th-century country house near Uckfield, East Sussex, restored and converted to its present state by Sir Edward Maufe, the architect responsible for the design of Guildford Cathedral. The house has recently been further improved and now has an outdoor swimming pool. It has substantial reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and four or five further bedrooms, with an annexe attached and outbuildings including a brick summer house and thatched barn. The property, set in eight acres, has an asking price of around £325,000 through Geering and Colyer at Heathfield.

**Bevenden House, at Great Chart, near Ashford, Kent, lies in beautiful countryside between the villages of Bethersden and Great Chart, and is a Grade II listed house dating from the 17th century. This family house retains many of its original features and is of timber-framed construction, refaced with ragstone and painted brick, and with a slate roof. Improvements have been carried out in the past three years, and the accommodation includes three reception rooms and five bedrooms. The 10 acres of grounds offer a heated swimming pool, a paddock, a summer house and other outbuildings, and Strutt & Parker's Canterbury office is asking for offers around £230,000. A nearby cottage is also available**

# Holidays in stately style

**By Christopher Warman**

*Property Correspondent*

On hearing the news, Clarence, 9th Earl of Emsworth, would have bolted to his library to muse over his prize-winning pig The Empress of Blandings and read an improving chapter of Whiffle's fine work on the pig. His sister Constance, however, would probably have approved, and the efficient Baxter would certainly have organized the business.

For the prospect is that Blandings Castle would be expecting house guests, or worse, people to rent part of that great estate. A company called Blandings has been launched to provide a selection of fine country homes in Great Britain in the belief that a market, not yet catered for, exists for just such luxurious holidays.

It is run by David and Layla Paterson – she has the formidable nickname The Empress — who have many years of experience in the holiday letting field and have selected the portfolio, and Ian Stewart-Brown, a gilts dealer in the City who sold out in the Big Bang.

The properties range from the grand castle to the almost modest cottage, but it is the large country houses that provide something out of the ordinary. There are eight in this category, private family residences when not being used to entertain Blandings's visitors, who are either house guests or take the property on a rental basis. The guests have total privacy, and have a daily maid service and, if required, a cook or butler – Beach would need a glass or two of port in his pantry to survive the ordeal.

Tallantire Hall in the Lake District and Guyzance Hall, Northumberland, both take house guests at £90 each per day. At Guyzance Hall, a 17th-century house set in 1,000 acres, a chauffeur-driven car is available at £75 a day, and shooting parties of up to 10 guests are invited at an all-in cost of up to £7,500, including air fares from London, for one day's sport.

The James II House in the Cotswolds, completed in 1688, accommodates eight plus two staff at a cost of £1,750 a week, while Camp Hill can accommodate 10 at £1,800 a week, and also offers a chauffeur-driven Rolls-Royce Phantom Three open tourer. West House is a grand 17th-century country house at Pulborough, West Sussex, which is available only for four weeks a year, including Goodwood week, and sleeps 10 for £2,000 a week. By contrast, cottages are available for as little as £100 a week, depending on the season.

## Reminder of summer days and peace

Blandings emerged as the name for the enterprise after such titles as Emperors were discarded, and for anyone aware of Wodehouse it is a fine reminder in these wintry conditions of summer days when the only thing to upset peace and tranquillity is the infernal din of butterflies and bees messing about.

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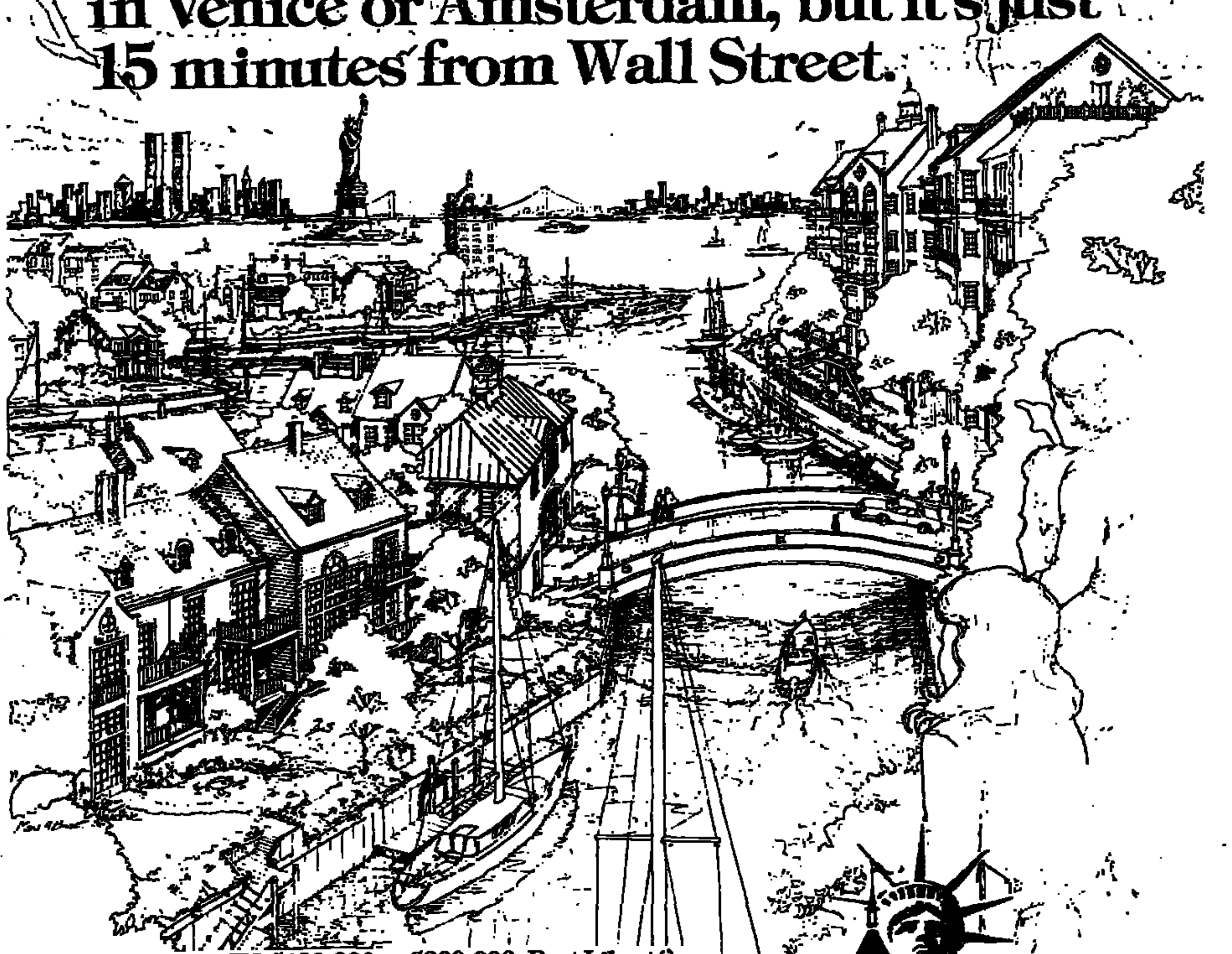

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Please telephone 01-437 1564

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**P/A SECRETARY**
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**SECRETARY/PERSONAL ASSISTANT**
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**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND MIDDLESEX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY**
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This expanding Department requires an efficient Secretary to assist academics in the organisation and running of the Behavioural Sciences course for undergraduate medical students. *Audio and shorthand* typing are essential as well as some administrative skills and an ability to communicate effectively.

Generous holidays, salary up to £8,209. Please send *C.V.s to Miss Morag Brocklehurst*, Administrative Officer, The Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Mortimer Street, London, W1P 7PN.

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**DIRECTORS SECRETARY**
**Attractive Salary Package**

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The position could suit a more mature, adaptable person with the usual shorthand and typing skills. Varied and interesting work *load. Permanent, pensionable position with good conditions.*

Please apply to Margaret Joyce in the Personnel Dept at:

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**PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

A well organised person is urgently required to be trained in all aspects of Property Management. A good telephone manner and the ability to type is essential as are enthusiasm efficiency and a driving licence. For further details contact:

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**DYNAMIC YOUNG SECRETARY URGENTLY WANTED**

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**£10,000**

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**Salary £10,000 pa.**

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**£11,000**

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**PHASE EIGHT**

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**SECRETARY/PA FOR ARCHITECT**

Partner requires top class SH/SEC/PA to take responsibility in all aspects of a busy International firm. Would suit cheerful, intelligent secretary (age 25-35) with administrative experience. Good salary.

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# LA CRÈME DE LA CRÈME

## PIRELLI

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Although P.R. experience is not essential, you should be used to assuming responsibility and making the most of the opportunities it presents, a clean driving licence is a must.

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If you're the type of secretary who doesn't flag easily and has the drive and ambition to fit in with the distinctive Pirelli outlook, then this represents an exceptional career opportunity. And you won't be disappointed by what we are able to offer.

Interested applicants should call Paul Ballard on 01-628 5021 or write to him at Austin Knight Selection, 17 St. Helen's Place, London EC3A 6AS. After office hours call 01-256 6925. Please quote ref: 717/PB/87.

**PIRELLI**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER
### £11,000 + BONUS

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Candidates should contact Jillian Goudie from whom written particulars are available and to whom letters of application with c.v. and names of two referees should be submitted.

**American Institute for Foreign Study, 37 Queens Gate, London SW7 5HR. Tel: 01-581 2733.**

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## Office Managers
### £14,000

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You will be leading a team of five or six consultants in serving the local business community with efficiency and flair. Training is provided and the above salary will be supplemented by profit share.

Please write immediately with a brief career profile — it will be treated in strictest confidence.

Laurence Rosen,
Chief Executive,
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Are you a newly-qualified secretary looking for a first job to suit your skills and personality? If so, we would be delighted to tell you about some of the many exciting and challenging opportunities currently available for college leavers in every field from Banking to P.R., from Insurance to Design. Wherever your interests lie, we aim to help you make the right choice.

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- PR/media experience preferred
- Excellent secretarial skills (90/60 +WP)
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Terry Lambert
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All our secretaries are viewed as important members of the team. If the challenge attracts you, please send a detailed curriculum vitae (enclosing a daytime telephone number) to:

Mrs M. Hennessy,
Recruiting Officer,
Arthur Andersen & Co.,
1 Surrey Street,
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t/w tony stone worldwide
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## Senior Secretary
### International Vice-President, Personnel

We require a well-educated Secretary with Word Processing skills to work for the Vice-President Personnel and the Pesonnel Manager of our International organisation.

Applicants should have previous experience of a busy international environment, should be interested in and possess an aptitude for automated systems; must be able to communicate effectively at all levels and will have a flexible and cheerful approach to work.

In addition to the normal secretarial role, duties will include maintaining computerised personnel records and various administrative procedures. Previous personnel experience is not necessary.

Benefits include annual bonus, LVs and 5 weeks annual holiday.

Please write, enclosing CV and daytime telephone number to:

Joy Hamlyn, Personnel Officer,
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## TOP FLIGHT SECRETARIES
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**CAN YOU CONTROL A HECTIC OFFICE?**

Good shorthand and typing speeds essential. Acting as secretary to the Director of this large investment corporation. Good self-motivator who can respond to a challenging environment. Benefits, mortgage subsidies, PPP, LV's.

Contact Jan or Gloria on 01 631 4296

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## DICTATE, DECORATE, PLACATE
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## PUBLIC RELATIONS
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## Personnel Secretary
### Salary to £9,500 pa

Robson Rhodes is a major firm of chartered accountants with 17 UK offices employing some 750 staff, of whom about half are based in our London office.

We are currently seeking a smart, self-motivated and well organised secretary to work for the London Personnel Manager and Personnel Officer.

You should be educated to O Level standard, including Maths and English. You need to have had secretarial training followed by at least two years' experience. A minimum typing speed of 60wpm is essential and some word processing experience – but training will be provided for the AES+ and for use of our computerised personnel database system.

You should enjoy working in a busy environment and be able to liaise with all levels of staff.

Please apply in writing with concise CV to:

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Miss J Wilkinson, Personnel Officer
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## SECRETARY/P.A.
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Application with personal details and career history, to:

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## SECRETARY

WBK International

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Good salary, prospects and working conditions.

**Applications should be made in writing, enclosing a CV to:**

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## SECRETARY TO CASTING DIRECTOR/TV
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The successful applicant will work in luxury offices from 9.30 to 5.30p.m. Our client will offer a package consisting competitive salary, (with annual review), 4 weeks annual holiday, season ticket loan (after 3 months service) and BUPA after 12 months service. Company pension and employee share schemes after qualifying periods.

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Written applications with a full CV should be sent to:

**Mrs L. Chan,**
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**Lunn Poly Limited,**
**4/7 Chiswell St,**
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## Secretary

**Salary £9,129 -£9,954 inclusive**

The Chief Executive, Nigel Palk, is seeking a suitably skilled person to join his Department's Secretariat which currently serves not only himself but also the Head of Legal and Committee Services, the Head of Land and General Services, the Chief Personnel Officer and two senior officers based in the Old Palace at the Civic Centre.

Apart from those special "immeasurable" skills which good secretaries have, measurable skills required are 100wpm shorthand and 40wpm typing. Adaptability in the use of new technology will also be needed as the Secretariat is due to be equipped with new machines for word processing and associated computer-based applications in the near future.

The Secretariat consists of a Senior Secretary and three Secretaries each of whom have their basic responsibilities to designated Chief and Senior Officers but who also provide mutual cover for each other. Ability to handle sensitive material with discretion; to deal with callers tactfully; and to act on one's own initiative is essential.

Please quote Ref: A4.

For further information and an application form please contact Chief Personnel Officer, Bromley Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley BR1 3UH. Tel: 01-290 0324 (24 hour answering service). Closing date: 29th January 1987.

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An excellent salary with good benefits will be offered.

*Please write enclosing curriculum vitae to*
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*Personnel Department,*
*Leslie & Godwin Ltd., PO Box 219,*
*6 Braham Street, London E1.*

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Salaries will be in the range of £9,000 - £10,000 pa depending on qualifications and experience.

For further details and an application form please contact:

**Jane Sennes**
**Rendel Palmer & Tritton Limited**
**61 Southwark Street**
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**Tel: 01-928 8999**
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### ENGLISH/SPANISH £8,500

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*Please contact with full CV:*
Mrs P.A. Howard—Personnel,
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Telephone: 01-930 3477.

## P.R. IN THE CITY c. £10,000

Here is a super opportunity for a young secretary with some P.R./agency experience to join the fascinating world of financial P.R.. Working on the accounts of well known City firms you will provide secretarial backup to the account team and assist in the co-ordination of the launching of new products. With lots of senior level contact and the chance to learn the business, this position would suit someone in their early/mid 20s, with fast accurate typing, some s/h and WP and a cheerful approach to working with a team. Interested?

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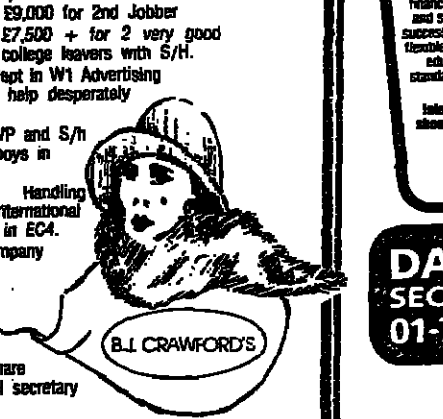

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**Hope's down and counting his blessings while Tyson prepares to tread the path to a pot of gold and a place among the greats**

# The business of big bang where profits are not always easy

Boxers and their earnings are often swiftly separated. The concentrated, unfeeling violence towards opponents has its paradox outside the ring in a generosity and ingenuousness that can make a fighter prone to financial disaster.

Maurice Hope, the former World, European, Commonwealth and British light-*middleweight* champion and a member of the 1972 Olympic team, owes £58,923 to the Inland Revenue, who have now started bankruptcy proceedings against a man renowned for his sincerity and proberty. "This debt *is hanging* over my head. It is affecting my good name."

Hope is embarrassed and *distressed, following* a long line of boxers of equal and greater pedigree. It needed an Act of Congress to clear the £28m Joe Louis owed the American tax authorities.

## Career interrupted by an operation

*José* Napoles, one of the outstanding world champions in the 1970s, is now believed to be working as a cinema usher. Prime Carnera had to become a professional wrestler after backers left him broke from a boxing career that had brought him the world heavyweight title.

Hope's mistakes were not made in his choice of advisors during his boxing career. Terry Lawless, manager of many *of Britain's most distin*guished fighters, guided Hope to World and European championships.

But as my colleague, Srikumar Sen, put it, Hope was "a worthy but unfashionable boxer". He rarely commanded purses commensurate with his unquestioned ability.

The career of 'Mo' Hope was interrupted by an operation for a detached retina, and when he lost the European title fight to Luigi Minchillo in 1982 he significantly wore a dressing gown with the slogan "One Mo Time" on the back. It was the end.

But there was already financial trouble. In 1979, he had invested earnings from boxing in an import and export business for household goods like soaps, face creams and cutlery. He had five people working for him.

"I was still in boxing and boxing is hard as it is without having something else to worry about. I could not devote myself to the business.

"*Someone who* was working for me bought a lot of goods from the United States. Some got lost on the way from America and we could not sell the rest." His voice trails away quietly with resignation.

The firm eventually went into voluntary liquidation, losing £79,000. "I do not blame anyone else, I blame myself. I did not look at the financial details."

Hope went into boxing managership. He had several talented fighters in his stable like Prince Rodney, a former British champion. "But all of a sudden they wanted to go. The little birds left the nest. They *felt they could do better* elsewhere, so I released them from their contracts."

He still manages three fighters, but none of them yet of international stature.

This generosity with property and money had always been a problem and is additionally responsible for his financial plight. "Any time that friends wanted anything, they would phone me up. They would say they wanted to borrow money, but it has never been returned. It was not just one person but several. I'm soft-hearted, I suppose. I was naive."

Hope declines to give details. He protects some "friends" just as they have not protected him from his *current distress*.

At 35 years of age, he now has no assets. The car and a hairdressing shop in Hackney are in *his wife's* name. "Pat is now the breadwinner."

His three children went to private schools but had moved to the state system for educational reasons before the current problems became *acute*.

Although Hope has an accountant looking after his affairs ("He said I had to be more careful") much of the money he owes the Inland Revenue is the interest on the original sum that he was unable to pay.

## Unable to pay the original sum owed

*His worry is that if he* is declared bankrupt, he will be limited in any future ventures, compounding the permanent problem of many outstanding sportsmen of what to do when their career is over. "I will have had my wings clipped if the bankruptcy proceedings go ahead. There is always hope. I am sure something will happen. *I still feel like a winner.*"

**John Goodbody**

Reflective mood: Maurice Hope, faced with the financial fight of his life, ponders a future of uncertainty at his wife's hairdressing salon in Hackney (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

# A bout of rambling in the court of a charismatic King

New York (Reuter) – Mike Tyson and James "Bonecrusher" Smith survived an ordeal yesterday that just might be as tough as their world championship fight in March – they sat through a Don King press conference.

It appeared to be touch and go whether Tyson, the World Boxing Council's (WBC) heavyweight champion, would walk off the dais or worse as King kept getting lost in his incoherent monologues launched amid the red, white and blue balloons and the chicken and cream sauce at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

King is promoting the March 7 fight between Tyson and Smith, the World Boxing Association (WBA) champion, *in the seventh of the eight-fight* unification series aimed at crowning an undisputed heavyweight champion.

*True to form*, King, his grey hair combed straight up like a cartoon character who had stuck his finger into an electric socket, obsequiously introduced everyone but the men's-room attendant by battering the English language with the likes of "before I am accused of being impartially prejudiced . . ."

Tyson's mettle was sorely tested when, first, King introduced him as Smith, and then, with Tyson on the *dais*, King spouted a particularly long-winded answer, punctuated with long words which were *completely out of context*.

The young champion, known to hate even the usual hype that accompanies title fights, simply bowed his head and began drumming the lectern in what appeared to be an effort to get through the King-ordeal.

Once they were able to speak, it was not surprising that both fighters thought they would win the Las Vegas bout and go on to face Michael Spinks, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion for the undisputed title.

Smith, who did not have his first professional fight until he was 27, is 6ft 4in tall and weighs 230 pounds. He will tower over the 5ft 10in, 220-pound Tyson, aged 20, the youngest heavyweight champion in history by virtue of his victory over Trevor Berbick in three rounds

"He has a chance to be a great fighter," said Smith of Tyson. "But he hasn't fought a lot of great fighters. I don't think he has fought the calibre of fighters that I have. He fought guys that couldn't hurt him. Whoever I hit, I hurt. Bonecrusher Smith *can hit. You know I can hit.*"

The softly-spoken Tyson, a tank dressed in street clothes, appeared uncomfortable in the spotlight. *On the whole, he said* he would rather be fighting. "I'm glad to be here and be working again. It's been a long *time. I'm feeling like an old* man. I watched Bonecrusher Smith when I was a young lad," said Tyson, to the laughter of the crowd.

Tyson, who has won all of his 28 fights since his first professional bout in March, 1984, said: "I love to fight, so dearly. I'd fight every day if I could. I'm the best fighter in the world."

Asked for a prediction on how long the fight — yet to be determined whether it will be scheduled for 12 or 15 rounds — will last, Tyson said: "I'm no predictor of fights, but I know when I *hit 'em good, the fight is close to* an end."

Tyson, however much he may have wished, could not end the press conference that way.

# Possible title contest to keep Garside busy

Dave Garside could be fighting for the European heavyweight title before taking on the British champion, Horace Notice. A consortium of northern businessmen, including the former champion, Brian London, is prepared to put up £30,000 for Garside to trade punches with Alfredo Evangelista, of Spain.

The bout would go on at the Mayfair Suite, Newcastle, where Garside has a 10-round contest with the American, Steve Mormino, on February 5. Garside has won his last nine contests.

"*Garside is the top contender* for the British heavyweight title, but he cannot meet the champion until Notice has gone *through with a Commonwealth* title fight," Denny Mancini, Garside's manager, said.

- Copenhagen (Reuter) — Alfredo Evangelista, the European heavyweight champion, will defend the title against Anders Eklund, of Sweden, on February 27. The contest will take place in Denmark
- Rome (Reuter) — Jim McDonnell, of Britain, the European featherweight champion, will make his second title defence against the Italian challenger, Valerio Nati, on *February 13*, the European Boxing Union (EBU) said yesterday. The bout will take place in Nati's home town of Forli,
- *Perugia (AFP) — Chris Pyatt's* first defence of his European light-middleweight championship, scheduled for next Wednesday here *against Gianfranco* Rosi, of Italy, has been put back to January 28.

GOLF

# Launch of new charity event in aid of the deaf

By Mitchell Platts

Club golfers throughout the United Kingdom will be encouraged to enter the Lombard Continental Insurance Championship in support of the British Deaf Association, whose patron is the Princess of Wales.

Barry Edwards, the tournament director, announced the event in London yesterday and said: "It is the first golf event to benefit the BDA and we believe the first event of this nature when *all the donations* will be sent directly to the charity.

"We are hoping for support from the men's and women's *sections at 300 to 400 clubs in* the first year but Lombard have a three year contract with an option and by 1990, when the *BDA will celebrate its* centenary, we hope that option will be exercised and that by then more than two million golfers will be involved."

Individuals will compete in competitions arranged by their own clubs and the winners will progress to one of six regional finals with the final itself taking place at St Pierre, Chepstow, on October 22.

Michael Bright, the general manager of Lombard Continental Insurance, said: "We are underwriting the event at a cost of £150,000 over the next three years. We believe, of course, that it has good commercial sense but, more importantly, it was vital to us that all proceeds solely benefitted the BDA."

John Young, the Marquess of Salisbury and chairman of the BDA, said: "We recently launched our 'Signing Your Support' appeal, aimed at raising £1 million, and this particular promotion by Lombard has come at a most welcome time

GLIDING

# Craft touch in mid-air

*By a Special Correspondent*

Two 15 metre class craft made mid-air contact in official practice at the 20th world championship in Australia on Monday afternoon while flying over Benalla, Victoria, the contest site. Bradney, of Australia, flying Ventus A, and Bryson, of Ireland, aboard ASW 20, both landed without injury. Bradney's machine sustained a broken canopy. *Results* of an inquiry into the incident will not be available before tomorrow.

British team pilots scored well during official practice but not too much store should be set by this. Several key pilots from other countries were not flying, or at least scoring, and such occasions also involve a certain amount of gamesmanship.

Lee, of Hong Kong (ASW 22B) ran second in the open class just 0.7 kilometres per hour behind Renner, of Australia (ASW 22B) at 124.1 kph.

# Coghlan's quick recovery

New York *(Reuter)* – Eamonn Coghlan, the Irish world champion pronounced himself "raring to go" just 16 days after an attack by a *dog threatened to* end his indoor athletics season before it had begun.

Two youths turned their dog *on the 5,000 m world champion* in Dublin on December 28 when he attempted to help a woman they were attacking and it took a bite out of his right calf. As he attempted to escape, Coghlan, aged 34, fell and broke a bone.

Coghlan required stitches to close the deep leg wound and two screws in his left wrist. But the Irishman, also the indoor mile world record-holder, said yesterday he was no longer in pain and was looking forward to running in Johnson City, Tennessee, this weekend.

"I healed very, very quick. I am raring to go and feel quite optimistic about the indoor season," Coghlan, who set the mile mark of 3 min 49.78 sec in February 1983, said. "At first it seemed to be a catastrophe. The first 48 hours I couldn't really walk and I thought, maybe if it doesn't heal really fast I will be in trouble," he added. Coghlan, who was running four days after the incident, enjoyed his first pain-free run since the attack yesterday.

From 1983 until 1986, Coghlan won *15 successive* indoor miles, earning himself the title "Chairman of the Boards." But he struggled to retain his form last season and managed only two second places in four appearances indoors.

ATHLETICS

# Lewis decides to avoid indoor long jumping

New York (Reuter) – Carl Lewis, the Olympic champion, *will not compete in any long* jump events during the 1987 indoor season which opens this weekend. And his coach, Joe Douglas, hinted that Lewis, who underwent minor arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in September, would not challenge for the long jump title at September's world championships in Rome.

Instead, Lewis, aged 25, from *Alabama, will probably* concentrate on the 100 and 200 metres and the 4x100 metres relay – if selected at the United *States trials*.

"It's a difficult situation deciding what to run," Douglas said. "You know you have these options but you have to see what shape you're in at the time. It's not a case of running three or four events – it's about 16 races with all the heats and it can be taxing. We shall have to see how fresh and how strong he is. But it'll probably be the same as in *1983*."

Lewis, who won four gold medals at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, is likely to run in four indoor meetings prior to the inaugural indoor world championships in March, Douglas added. He said Lewis was due to run at the opening indoor grand prix meeting at Indianapolis – venue of the world championships – this weekend, *in Dallas on February* 7 and at the Olympic invitation meeting at East Rutherford, New Jersey, on February 14. He would also run at the United States championships in New York on February 27.

Lewis, the long jump indoor world record holder, has also *recorded the next 16 best perfor*mances in the discipline and Douglas said the athlete's knee problem had improved since last season. "The only time he feels it is in cold weather," Douglas said. "But as a precautionary measure we've decided to keep his jumping to a minimum."

With the Pan-Am games also figuring in Lewis's outdoor programme, Douglas said the *American would also be restrict*ing his European circuit appearances, competing at only one or two meetings this summer.

## IAAF plump for Budapest

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) – Budapest is to stage the 1989 *world* indoor championships, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) announced at the end of a council *meeting here on Monday. Primo* Nebiolo, the president, said the IAAF would consider applications from Tokyo, West Berlin, Los Angeles and Perth to host the 1991 outdoor world championships at its next council meeting in Rome between March 27-29.

The meeting would also consider applications from Belfast, (Northern Ireland), Ostend (Belgium), Aix-le-Bains (France) and Athens to host the 1990 world cross-country championships and from Oporto (Portugal) and Milan (Italy) to stage the 1989 marathon world cup.

TABLE TENNIS

# England lifted by Douglas

By a Correspondent

Desmond Douglas's brilliant capture of the European Top Twelve title 10 days ago in Basle should be another boon to England's already healthy promotion campaign in the European League, which continues against Finland at Norwich tonight.

The Birmingham left-hander's triumph has lifted England's *team spirit* and strengthened the belief of the captain, Donald Parker, that the squad improves in his presence. Douglas, who *was brought back from* the German Bundesliga 18 months ago for £30,000 to help the English game, now leads a team that has not looked remotely in trouble during any of its three matches so far, and which looks likely to send the Finns home with an even chillier feeling than that with which they arrived yesterday.

If that happens, then England will need only two more wins before Douglas returns to West Germany for the final fixture of the season

Finland and England last met 13 months ago in Helsinki, when England, without Douglas, won 4-3. With him, a clean sweep is not impossible, al*though* that *will depend* upon the form of Skylet Andrew, the flamboyant England No 4, another talented left-hander who *takes the second singles spot*, while Lisa Bellinger's confrontation with Sonja Grefberg is also keenly awaited.

ENGLAND: D Douglas, S Andrew, L Bellinger, F Elliot.
FINLAND: J Ikonen, M Seko, S Grefberg.

FENCING

# Winton's honour deserved

By a Correspondent

Winton: devotion

A New Year honour, deservedly given but applauded by few, is that of the MBE to Bobby Winton, the vice president of the Amateur Fencing Association, the sixth award in its postwar history. He is devoted to every aspect of fencing: having been a moderately successful competitor in the 1930s, he then put in 50 years of voluntary work for the AFA, climbing its hierarchy while at the same time breaking it down, assessing the various directions in which each *of his committees should* progress and, in the latter years, reshaping the Association's profile from an old school-type network to the democratically-structured, limited company it is today.

Since 1949, Winton has encouraged competition at the grass roots with his Winton Cup, an inter-regional contest, and brought competitive fencing to state schools, establishing the first national schoolboys championships in 1960.

His part in financial strategies and grant expenditure has contributed greatly to the considerable support fencing now receives for international competition.

Some might say it is partly due to Winton's efforts that a minor sport like fencing, which boasts just three Olympic medals and two British world champions since 1945, still attracts newcomers. It could also be said that every minor sport must *have a Bobby Winton – he is a* compulsive organizer no one can do without.

Nick Halsted, the president of *the AFA, said Winton's great* asset was that he had no axe to grind. "Bobby is a very sound and reliable backroom boy. It is very difficult to find people with sufficient devotion to set about detailed, complex subjects."

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TENNIS

# Australians may have to settle for giving little surface pleasure

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Melbourne

The singles seeds in the Australian championships, sponsored by the Ford Motor Company, were all given byes into the second round and did not have to play during the first two days. It seemed illogical that the Kooyong promenades should be so congested that moving to and fro was a tiresome exercise. The decision to shift the championships from November/December into the traditional summer holiday season has been justified. So has the decision to shift the tournament to new premises next year.

The point is that, because of the continuing growth of tennis as a thriving segment of the entertainment industry, the game has outgrown the existing and potential facilities of a private club. The same thing happened in New York before the United States championships were moved from Forest Hills to Flushing Meadow in 1978.

Whereas the present US centre is a conversion of an earlier arena, Flinders Park will be entirely new — and the grandest tennis venue in the world.

Take, for example, the centre court, which will have 15,000 seats and a two-piece retractable roof moving on rails. The court will also be floodlit and suitable for indoor play (air-conditioned when necessary).

Court One will have 6,000 seats, Court Two, 3,000. There will be 13 other outdoor courts for match play and five indoor courts for practice. The cost will be about £25 million, but the facilities will be used throughout the year — for other forms of entertainment in addition to tennis — and under the terms of their management contract the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia are guaranteed an annual sum of about £250,000.

As with most of the good things of life, there is a snag. The court surface, to be decided within the next two months after a variety of "test" surfaces have been studied in more detail during formidably hot weather, will be an immediate and (from what one knows of tennis players) continuing source of controversy. Brian Tobin, president of the LTAA, said yesterday that he would be surprised if they could please 20 per cent of the players the first year.

Grass and shale (clay) have been ruled out as impracticable — plus the fact that Australia wants to be different from Wimbledon and Roland Garros. For similar reasons the kind of hard courts used at Flushing Meadow may come under starter's orders but will not attract much betting money. There are other, cushioned varieties of hard courts and another possibility is an amended version of the synthetic grass that, in the past decade or so, has become popular at club level but has been regarded by professionals as somewhat hazardous.

Tobin said the two main priorities were that the surface should be acceptable for a grand slam tournament and suitable for year-round use. Australia also wants a surface with playing qualities similar to those of the traditional natural grass on which they won the Davis Cup last month. "I would like to see some grass courts retained in the major centres for the Davis Cup", Tobin added.

The decision-makers have already spent ten months considering how all the possible courts measure up to a variety of climatic conditions. One does not envy them as they hasten towards a conclusion. The Australians want to be different from Wimbledon, Roland Garros and Flushing Meadow. But to be different is to be controversial. It must be comforting to know that players disagree among themselves about the best outdoor surface and that, consequently, Tobin and his colleagues will please some players while displeasing most of them. His estimate of 20 per cent agreement may be about right.

# Gum shield serves up the answer

Some years ago, Onny Parun, the New Zealand Davis Cup player who now coaches at David Lloyd's club near Heathrow Airport, was having trouble with tightened neck muscles that pulled his head sideways as he served.

Ever inventive, Parun tied a piece of string to his collar button and held the other end between his teeth. It was a bizarre and temporary solution to a problem that eventually required minor surgery.

Now Russell Simpson, who used to play alongside Parun for New Zealand, has appeared at Kooyong with another unusual method for dealing with strange muscle problems.

Simpson, looking more like a boxer than a tennis player on court, has been playing his matches with a gum shield. As he is unlikely to be the recipient of a left hook, especially considering how much behaviour has improved on the professional circuit recently, it was intriguing to know why he has started wearing it.

"I had this problem with my serving arm which just seemed to be getting weak," Simpson said. "I went to a doctor in Houston and he discovered I had a problem with a joint at the top of the jaw caused by a habit I have in grinding my teeth when I sleep and often when I play."

Simpson: bizarre cure

As a result, the doctor advised him to wear a plastic mouth guard at night as well as on court, and to bite down on it as hard as he liked while serving.

The first day in practice Simpson felt no difference. "But the doctor insisted I continue and, sure enough, on the second day everything felt great," Simpson said. "My arm suddenly felt strong again and all sorts of aches and pains disappeared from my body. Apparently the TMJ joint had been pinching a nerve at the back of my neck and that had been affecting muscles in the whole shoulder area.".

Yesterday, Simpson, punching his volleys in true heavyweight style, produced his most impressive tennis in years to defeat the Wimbledon doubles finalist, Gary Donnelly, 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

One way or another, Kiwi tennis players, almost as much as their sailors, are full of surprises. Remember Chris Lewis?

# Family tradition hard to maintain

From Rex Bellamy

Wiltrud Probst beat Michelle Bowrey 6-1, 6-4, yesterday in the first round of the Australian championships. Matches like that were happening all over Kooyong, but this one was interesting — partly as Miss Probst, aged 17, is a promising and maturing German who moves well, but chiefly because Miss Bowrey, aged 16, is the daughter of Bill Bowrey, the 1968 men's champion and his wife Lesley (nee Turner), twice champion of both France and Italy.

The Bowreys live in Sydney, where Bill is head professional at the White City and Lesley coaches privately on the family court, just five minutes away. Lesley was a bonny competitor, especially on shale courts. She is the only player I have ever watched through a hole in a hedge at a time when the play concerned was visible only from the knees down. That happened in Rome. Mrs Bowrey's dancing footwork was always a joy. In that respect she was the Ken Rosewall of women's tennis.

Her daughter's footwork is not in the same class, but for the second consecutive year Michelle has been awarded a scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, where gifted youngsters are trained and coached five days a week (they can go home at weekends) while continuing their studies at a local school. Out of consideration for their extra workload, the teenagers are allowed three years in which to complete what would otherwise be their last two years of scholastic studies.

That arrangement — tennis and school in different premises — has much in common with Bisham Abbey's role in British tennis. The Swedish system is slighly different. Birger Folke, the women's national coach, explained yesterday that their school at Bastad combined both tennis and scholastic tuition. The girls mostly took one to three academic courses and scored impressively high marks, he added.

Volvo (encouraged by the potential rather than immediate consequences of their first two years as sponsors) have agreed to back the three squads of Swedish women for three more years. The squads have just been revised. The first team, so to speak, has been expanded from two to six and three juniors have been promoted to the second ("development") team. The third ("observation") team remains on the back burner.

For obvious geographic reasons, teenage Europeans have an advantage over Australians to the proximity of wide competitive experience. As good an illustration as any was the way Miss Probst dealt with Miss Bowrey yesterday.

Anna-Maria-Fernandez had to retire with back trouble (for the second week running) when Anne Hobbs was leading 3-0. Afterwards Miss Hobbs, aged 27, was clearly edgy when discussing her next match, which will be against Sara Gomer, her compatriate. Miss Gomer, aged 22, has lost both her previous matches with Miss Hobbs but has since achieved the higher ranking. Their match may be trivial in the context of the Australian championships, but it means much in the domestic pecking order.

Other remaining British contenders are Jo Durie, Julie Salmon, Jeremy Bates, and Nick Fulwood, whose next opponent will be Mark Edmondson — the only unseeded player to win the men's championship (in 1976).

Other than that, all I have to tell you is that jogging is a hot business, even before breakfast, and that a lotion purporting to ward off sunburn is an essential precaution during the working day. Itinerant reporters have an awful lot to put up with, in the cause of duty.

**MEN'S SINGLES:** First round: M Anger (US) bt M Freeman (US), 6-4, 1-0 ret; D Rostagno (US) bt N Odizor (Nig), 7-5, 6-2, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt J Sadri (US), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 6-0; M Kratzmann (Aus) bt J Lapidus (US), 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; B Schultz (US) bt S Guy (NZ), 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6; R Simpson (NZ) bt G Donnelly (US), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6; J Letts (US) bt G Bloom (Isr), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4; M Schapers (Neth) bt J Levine (US), 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; P Annacone (US) bt T Mmoh (Nig), 7-6, 7-6, 6-4; D Goldie (US) bt M De Palmer (US), 1-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; M Woodforde (Aus) bt M Baroch (Aus), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; A Maurer (WG) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6; B Drewett (Aus) bt P McNamee (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; D Visser (SA) bt L Shiras (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 7-6; G Muller (SA) bt S Denton (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; B Scanlon (US) bt A Lane (Aus), 6-7, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

**WOMEN'S SINGLES:** First round: A Smith (US) bt V Paquet (Fr), 7-5, 6-3; W Probst (WG) bt M Bowrey (Aus), 6-1, 6-4; A Hobbs (GB) bt A-M Fernandez (US), 3-0 ret; H Ludloff (US) bt E Okagawa (Japan), 7-5, 6-3; H Kelesi (Can) bt C Monteiro (Braz), 6-4, 6-4; C Singer (WG) bt M Pazderova (Cz), 6-1, 6-4; B Cordwell (NZ) bt T Holladay (US), 6-2, 7-6; J Thompson (Aus) bt A Dingwall (Aus), 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; S Hanika (WG) bt M van der Torre (Neth), 7-5, 5-7, 10-8; C MacGregor (US) bt C Karlsson (Swe), 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; J Byrne (Aus) bt L O'Neill (Aus), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2; B Nagelsen (US) bt L Antonoplis (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-1; A Holikova (Cz) bt S Collins (US), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; G Fernandez (PR) bt S McCann (Aus), 6-4, 6-3; S Rimes (US) bt C Copeland (US), 6-2, 6-2; Y Kozumi (Japan) bt M Schropp (WG), 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

# Castle leads challenge

Andrew Castle, Britain's new No 1, will lead the Opel European Cup challenge in Hanover from Jan 28 — Feb 1. He will be making his first appearance in the competition, which was formerly the King's Cup.

Castle, who climbed from nowhere to top in the rankings following a successful summer and a five-set match with the second seeded Mats Wilander at Wimbledon, is likely to play in all the singles matches along with Jeremy Bates. The matches comprise of two singles and a doubles.

The others in the team, announced yesterday by Paul Hutchins, the manager, are Stuart Bale and Nick Fulwood. Before naming the side who begin their programme with a tie against Italy on Jan 28 in the first division of the competition, Hutchins consulted Roger Taylor, who is presently in charge of the British players taking part in the Australian Open championships.

Hutchins said: "There has been a good deal of competition to get into the side and Fulwood has made a late run by managing to qualify for the Australian Open and going on to win his first round match."

West Germany are the other country in Britain's group.

**TEAM:** S Bale (Middlesex), J Bates (Surrey), A Castle (Somerset), N Fulwood (Derbyshire). Non-travelling reserve: M Walker (Wales).

RUGBY LEAGUE

# Big freeze causes ground switches

A number of clubs have been forced by the big freeze to switch their games to grounds with under-soil heating (Keith Macklin writes).

Castleford will play their Silk Cut Challenge Cup preliminary round tie against the amateurs, Blackbrook, at Headingley since their own ground at Wheldon Road is unlikely to be fit.

The second division club, Swinton, yesterday approached their first division opponents, St Helens, asking them to switch their tie to Bolton Wanderers' ground at Burnden Park, but the Saints refused since they did not wish to forfeit ground advantage. Another club interested in playing at Burnden Park are Warrington, who are considering asking their first division opponents Barrow to play this weekend's fixture at Bolton. An interesting situation could arise, because Swinton may try to arrange a home second division fixture at Burnden Park if their cup tie is called off early. Warrington have therefore made it clear that they are prepared to play Barrow with a morning kick-off, leaving Swinton to use the pitch in the afternoon.

Des Drummond, the Leigh and former Great Britain winger, said yesterday that unless he finds a new club soon he will quit the game. Drummond is in dispute with the Leigh club and refuses to play for them.

High rollers (from the left): Neal Foulds, Tony Meo, Terry Griffiths, Dennis Taylor and Steve Davis at yesterday's launch of the Rothmans Matchroom League. The first player to score a maximum break of 147 in the league will win a Rolls Royce Silver Spirit (Photo John Manning)

BOBSLEIGHING

# Cortina track forced to close

From Chris Moore, St Moritz

A local environmental group, the Greens, have succeeded in forcing the closure of the Italian Olympic bob track at Cortina, where the European Championships were due to have been staged this month.

As a result, the championships have now been switched to Cortina's sister track at Cervinia, where the fourth round of this season's World Cup should have been held next week.

That event will now be incorporated in the European championships which will follow on from this week's World championships in St Moritz.

The root of the problem at Cortina is the use of liquid ammonia to refrigerate the artificially frozen track. The basis of the protest group's campaign has been the danger of a leakage from the refrigeration plant, which is situated in a built-up area. Up to 1,000 litres of liquid ammonia are used to refrigerate the track.

"There never has been a leak, but for some years the track authorities have been under pressure to construct a safety tank which hasn't yet been built," the Italian team manager, Giancarlo Torriani, said. "It has become a political issue which the Greens have attached themselves to. They have also forced the closure of the local ice skating rink."

The switch to Cervinia, which, like St Moritz, is a natural track, has dealt a double blow to the British team.

It was at Cortina last season that Nick Phipps won Britain's first gold medal for 20 years when he and Alan Cearns broke the track record in winning the World Cup two-man competition in their Allied Steel sledge.

"We fancied our chances of doing well there again in the European Championships this season, so the switch to Cervinia is a bit of a disappointment," Phipps said. "But having said that, if they had to go anywhere else, Cervinia would have been my first choice." It has also posed a selection problem for Mo Hammond, the British team manager, whose second string drivers, Tom De La Hunty and Peter Brugnani, were originally down to compete in the World Cup at Cervinia. But with Phipps and Stan Tout preselected for the European event, in which each nation can only enter three teams, Brugnani will now compete only in the two-man event with De La Hunty in the four-man.

# £150,000 first prize

Snooker's biggest prize to an individual player, £150,000, was announced yesterday by Rothmans, who also reaffirmed their support for the annual Grand Prix tournament. Their sponsorship of this event had run out but they have reached agreement with the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) to carry on for a further period of three years.

A prize of £50,000 is on offer for the winner of the Rothmans Matchroom League which starts on Saturday at Torbay. A sum of £65,000 is on offer for the winner of this year's Grand Prix and there will be a special prize of £35,000 for the player who achieves the double, making a total of £150,000.

The Rothmans Matchroom League involves the seven professionals managed by Barry Hearn — Steve Davis, Tony Meo, Terry Griffiths, Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne, Neal Foulds, Jimmy White and guest player Cliff Thorburn, of Canada. There will be two matches at Torbay on the first day: Taylor v Griffiths; Davis v Thorne.

Launching the League at a press conference in London yesterday, Hearn announced its expansion into Europe in 1988. He mentioned Paris, Berlin, Brussels and Antwerp as some of the likely venues.

"This league is the most exciting development for snooker since colour TV transformed the sport," Hearn said. "We will have to include more players for next year and we will be looking at possible additions between now and the world championship."

Brian Roach, speaking on behalf of Rothmans, regards the new venture as an exciting step forward for snooker. The Matchroom League to be played at 14 venues throughout the country will end on May 17.

# Sunderland signs

Alan Sunderland, the former Arsenal player, has signed for the League of Ireland first division side, Derry City.

RACING: AMATEUR RIDER BUYS DRUMLARGAN IN SEARCH FOR AINTREE GLORY

# Wragg chasing a National dream

By Dick Hinder

Amateur rider Gavin Wragg faced his greatest sporting challenge last April, the mighty Grand National fences, and survived, completing a circuit in ninth place on Abervanter in the 2¾-mile Foxhunters' Chase, won by Eliogarty.

That exhilarating experience fired Wragg's enthusiasm to such an extent that he has bought Ireland's grand old warhorse, Drumlargan, to take on West Tip and company in the big chase itself on April 4.

Wragg, no relation to the famous Newmarket-based family, arranged the deal with Edward O'Grady, the Tipperary trainer, shortly before Christmas while on a hunting holiday and they have now become firm friends.

"Like so many racing folk, the National has always held a tremendous fascination for me. I'm keen to have a crack at the big race and when the chance came to buy Drumlargan I grabbed it," Wragg said.

The 34-year-old, a partner in a London estate agency specializing in commercial property, enthused: "The deal was agreed after one quick jog on him round O'Grady's all-weather gallop. It was like driving a Rolls Royce. Considering his age, he is in marvellous shape."

Wragg has won four National Hunt races and several point-to-points, and his biggest achievement was partnering Flamenco Dancer to victory in the 1984 John and Nigel Thorne Memorial Cup at Stratford where Spartan Missile was a close-up third.

Just how formidable did he find those Aintree fences? "Well, I never got into the race on Abervanter. We were baulked at the start and again after the first fence where a horse fell alongside us. But my fellow is such a safe jumper he got me round some 30 lengths behind the leaders.

"With a good jumper you've got a fair chance of getting round Aintree. Some of the fences aren't quite as big as you imagine. You get all geared up for the famous fences, like Becher's and The Chair, but you can get caught out with some of others — that third fence, the first open ditch, is a shocker."

In the frame: Gavin Wragg with a reminder of his last visit to Aintree when he put in a clear round over the Grand National fences on the grey, Abervanter (Photo: Peter Trievnor)

Drumlargan has mixed with the best. He landed a huge gamble for the O'Grady stable in the 1980 Sun Alliance Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival, captured the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown three years later and was a gallant third behind Burrough Hill Lad in the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup.

This sturdy chaser has run in the last two Grand Nationals but both were unpleasant experiences. His new owner explained: "Two years ago he was going well for John Francome but was pulled up before the 22nd after breaking a blood vessel — something he's never done before or since. Last year he was badly baulked approaching The Chair and actually ended up lodged on top of the fence."

However, Wragg was quick to point out that prior to his 1986 Liverpool attempt, Drumlargan had given Bobsline plenty to think about before going down by eight lengths in a 2½-mile chase at Down Royal, and he has had only five races in the last two seasons.

Drumlargan is now based at Gardie Grissell's Brightling Park stables, nestled between Heathfield and Robertsbridge in East Sussex. The plan is to run him in two or three hunter chases as part of his preparation for the big race, beginning with a 2½-mile event at Sandown Park on February 6.

The Irish veteran, now 13, has already become a local celebrity, enjoying days out hunting, and has now qualified with the East Sussex and Romney Marsh when he was stabled at the point-to-point yard of Grissell's wife, Diana.

Gardie Grissell combines training 15 horses with farming 450 acres, mainly sheep and corn, in partnership with his brother, Henry.

Gardie is short for an unusual christian name; Delagarde. "It's a constant source of embarrassment to me. Lots of people have strange family names, usually as their second name, but I was saddled with Delagarde as my first. I haven't delved too closely but I understand one of my ancestors married a certain French lady, Miss Delagarde, and the name has been in the family ever since. But I guess I can live with Gardie."

Grissell loves National Hunt racing and has built up a big following on the south-east circuit, enjoying genuine support from his owners, most of whom live locally.

Bluecher, a useful novice chaser, is owned by Joe Stringer, landlord of the Brown Trout at nearby Lamberhurst. The veteran owner-breeder, Lady Blunt, who lives in Heathfield, has three horses with him, and even the stable's farrier, David Marley, himself a keen point-to-point rider, has novice hurdler, King Viv, a promising fifth at Folkestone last week, housed at Brightling.

The trainer is clearly delighted at Drumlargan's arrival. "The only Aintree runner I've had was Moonstone Lad in the Foxhunters and he fell at the first. We are all going to enjoy our day out at the National. It's going to be great fun with no pressure on us."

Meanwhile, Wragg, who also has horses based with Dai Williams in Worcestershire, including the useful chaser, Mayanncor, will have another crack at the Foxhunters with Abervanter before his glory attempt on Drumlargan.

"My minimum weight is 10st 12lb so I'm hoping Drumlargan will get around 11 stone when the weights are announced on February 3," he said.

Pipe-dreaming or not, this proud owner, with his competitive spirit, is the stuff the Grand National is made of. He concluded: "I'll be over the moon if Drumlargan and I complete the course. But if we reach a place, don't come looking for me for at least a month. I'll be drunk."

# Townley Stone in cup trial

By Michael Seely

Nicky Henderson could be two-handed in the Cheltenham Gold Cup if Townley Stone passes a stamina test in the £16,000 Peter Marsh Chase over three miles at Haydock on January 24. The reigning champion trainer is also preparing Galway Blaze, last season's runaway winner of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, for the blue riband of steeplechasing.

Before fleeing from Britain's icy shores to bask in the Barbados sun for a week, Henderson said yesterday: "As there's no chance of Ascot being on, we might as well abandon the idea of the Victor Chandler Handicap. And if Townley Stone can prove he stays in a competitive handicap, he might as well have a shot at the big one."

When trained by John Webber, his breeder, Townley Stone gave the impression that Cheltenham was not to his liking as he disappointed by finishing only sixth to Boreen Prince in the Arkle Challenge Trophy of 1985.

However, the eight-year-old ran much better when finishing like a tiger to give lumps of weight to Roadster and Music Be Magic in a two-mile handicap on the course on New Year's Eve after a lengthy absence from the track.

Steve Smith Eccles, waxing his skis preparatory to departing for the Alpine slopes, said: "I'm off as soon as I can get a flight, probably on Friday. Townley Stone is an interesting proposition in an open race. He impressed me a lot at Cheltenham and don't forget that he won twice over two and a half miles at Ascot at the end of the 84-85 campaign. He's a relaxed horse nowadays and they often develop stamina with age."

Judged on breeding, Townley Stone's chances of staying 3¼ miles can only be described as fair. The gelding's sire, Legal Tender, was only a sprinter but his dam, Dream Isle, won 12 races for Webber over hurdles and fences at distances varying from two to thre miles. Nonetheless, the 33-1 on offer with Ladbrokes looks tempting.

Confirming that See You Then, the reigning champion hurdler, remains on target for the Oteley Hurdle at Sandown on February 7, Henderson said: "The 24th looks like being an interesting afternoon. River Ceiriog also goes to Haydock for their Champion Hurdle trial. And I might well send First Bout to Kempton for the Bic Razor Novices' Chase the same day."

The prospect of such exciting horses in action is a warming thought to those of us left behind to shiver in the bitter January cold.

# Hall to retain ties with Hippodromo

Sally Hall, who recently lost her good sprinter, Hallgate, will still have charge of four horses belonging to Hippodromo Racing this summer. She yesterday described as "nonsense" suggestions that she and the firm were parting company.

"Michael Geraghty, who manages Hippodromo Racing, has gone to live in Portugal, but I am still part of the operation," confirmed the Yorkshire trainer. "I also have three horses in my yard belonging to Mr Geraghty's wife, Chris."

Mrs Geraghty has a two-year-old full brother to Hallgate, called Pelham Place, and the three-year-old maidens, Bowers Fold and Prospect Place.

Hippodromo's quartet comprise the seven-year-old sprint handicapper, Eastbrook; Hallcross, an unraced three-year-old; and the juveniles, Hatfield Chase and Partridge Flat.

"I will again be putting up Mark Birch when he is not required by Peter Easterby. Otherwise I will use the best jockeys available." Miss Hall said.

# Trainer's wife angered by 'invasion of privacy'

By Michael Seely

Alan and Ann Jarvis yesterday reacted angrily to the publicity being given by Ernest Weinstein, the chairman of Ernest Jones PLC, the jewellers, about the bankruptcy petition for £11,127.29 that has been served on the Royston trainer and his wife. The hearing is scheduled to take place at Luton county court on January 29.

"I regard the Weinsteins' action in calling a press conference as a monstrous invasion of our privacy," Mrs Jarvis said. "We are overwhelmed by the support we have received from clients and friends all day, even from America. We have taken out a writ against him for about £70,000 and are proceeding with our claim.

"These rows do occur but surely it is a matter for the court to sort out. My husband's livelihood is at stake so we are taking advice about a possible slander and libel action."

Jarvis trained racehorses for the Weinsteins from 1983 until this summer when six horses were removed from Royston and sent to Toby Balding.

Weinstein claims he lent Jarvis a substantial sum of money in August, 1983, so that a "Mareva" injunction — one which freezes assets — could be lifted. The sum involved is believed to be over £100,000.

"About three-quarters of this money is still outstanding," Weinstein said. "I didn't press for it because Jarvis said that he had cash-flow difficulties."

"In January, 1986 I lent him a further £10,000 to sort out another matter. The money was lent on the understanding that he would give me a cheque a month later."

Weinstein also said that horses were originally put up by Jarvis as a security for the first loan and that this was later converted into a second mortgage on King's Ride, Jarvis's modern training complex.

Jarvis denied these allegations and said: "We had a business arrangement over the buying and selling of horses and that is why I have issued a writ against him."

# Outlook bleak for Ascot at weekend

Ascot's two-day meeting on Friday and Saturday seems certain to join the rapidly-growing list of meetings lost to the weather. An inspection is planned for 11.30 this morning but Nicholas Beaumont, the clerk of the course, yesterday described the outlook as hopeless.

Friday's other meeting at Edinburgh (inspection noon today) is also a forlorn hope. Tomorrow's cards at Southwell and Wincanton were both called off yesterday. This brings the total of meetings lost this season to 23.

Prospects in Ireland are no better with tomorrow's Gowran Park programme put back a week to January 22 and Navan's Saturday meeting already in grave doubt.

The only horse racing to take place in Europe yesterday was at Cagnes-sur-Mer, in the south of France. The programme was made up of a steeplechase, hurdle and trotting races. The surface that these races were run on was made up from a volcanic cinder material.

# Sponsors' error

Contrary to the sponsors' pre-race publicity, last Saturday's Leopardstown race, The Ladbroke, was not Europe's most valuable handicap hurdle. The Grand Prix d'Automne, run at Auteuil last November, carried total prize money of 678,125 francs (£IR75,347) compared to the £IR48,400 for the Irish race.

The winner's purse for the Auteuil race was the equivalent of £IR38,000 whereas Barnbrook Again collected £IR32,600 for his victory on Saturday.

### Mick Cleary on the pilot who is trailing clouds of glory as he reaches for the athletic stars

# Jet-set Underwood wins his wings

If Daley Thompson is pure genius, Rory Underwood is not far behind. Who says so? Underwood's mother? His best mate? No, the source is far more objective than they, albeit no less generous in praise.

Tom McNab, the former British athletics coach, tutored Thompson when the latter was 16 and spotted the potential which was to become the double Olympic champion. His pupils this year are the England rugby squad, among whom is the prodigious talent of Rory Underwood.

"Rory has the finest natural physique I've ever come across," McNab says, "which is remarkable considering that he's not even a trained athlete."

McNab bases his assessment on the series of tests he has been conducting this season on the national rugby squad in an effort to increase their fitness levels. It is Underwood's explosive power, illustrated in his 30-metre sprint time and his reverse shot distance, which most impressed McNab and, indeed, Thompson himself.

"Daley was staggered, even a little miffed, that a guy with no specialist coaching should record scores like that. His overhead shot putt with a 16lb weight indicates superb *strength in upper legs, particularly* for a relatively small fellow. He threw nearly twice as far as most of the forwards. Even the most dedicated of men — Allan Wells, for example — don't have such thigh muscle development."

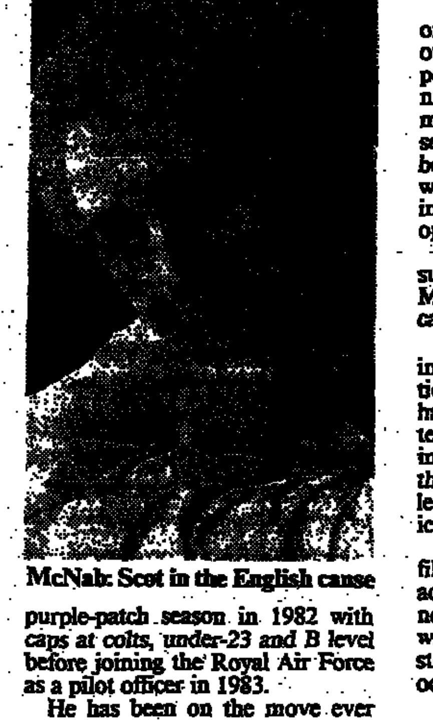
Regrettably, *two-handed* backward putting has yet to be of any direct use on a rugby field. No so the short, sharp speed which is Underwood's hallmark and which could have made him a world-beater."If he'd come to me at the *same age as Daley did,"* McNab says, "then I'm sure he'd be picking up medals by now, European at least, particularly in the short indoor sprints."

Thompson would naturally leave him for dead over 100 metres, *although the world's greatest* decathlete does not have his arch-rival, Jurgen Hingsen, trying to tackle him off the track every time he sets off. The physical contact element is the only one of a number of differences between the two *sports which make direct comparisons* somewhat spurious.

None the less there is no denying Underwood's *dash and dazzle* which, sadly, have tended to stand shivering in the wings since his debut almost three years ago against Ireland. In his 13 internationals since, only three tries have followed. Unlike some 60,000 spectators at *Twickenham*, he is not unduly disenchanted about his splendid isolation.

"Sure I'd like to see more of the ball but that's the way it's always been," he says. "To a large extent it's up to me to go looking for it and that's an aspect of my game I'm working on, along with my kicking and defence."

Working on these things is not easy for this modest, rather taciturn man. After leaving school he had a purple-patch season in 1982 with *caps at colts, under-23 and B level* before joining the Royal Air Force as a pilot officer in 1983.



McNab: Scot in the English cause

He has been on the move ever since — Lincolnshire, North Wales, Devon and now Cambridgeshire, duties which have restricted his *appearances for Leicester to 50 in* three and a half years and which caused him to miss England tours to South Africa and New Zealand. Much as he loves his rugby, he has no regrets.

"The Air Force has come first and always *will. It's what I've always* wanted to do and, as I'm on a permanent commission, always *will. I consider it to be ideal,* being *immersed* in two such totally pleasurable pursuits. I certainly wouldn't want it any other way, full or part-time professional, for example, nor would most of the other guys."

*His feats of derring-do in the skies* inevitably make hefty inroads on the time available for training. Last year there were endless nights hoofing it up and down country lanes on his own in order to maintain fitness, as well as a 750-mile round trip by car to play for Leicester. A cynic might say that training alone is the most realistic way for a winger to prepare for the five nations tournament. For Underwood, it was the only option and it took its toll.

"Yes, last year was a miserable one from the point of view of my own playing standards. I didn't perform well and was plagued by a niggling injury throughout. I feel much sharper this season and the squad sessions have done much to *boost morale. As I've found out* with the RAF, team spirit is a vital ingredient in any productive operation."

One of the men responsible for such harmony and self-belief is McNab. The fitness consultant was *called in at the start of the season*

His credentials for doing so were impeccable. He had been the national athletics coach for 14 years, had revitalized the British bobsleigh team from no-hopers to fifth fastest in the world, had collaborated on *the official Olympic film* as well as lectured around the globe on physical performance.

The plots of the Oscar-winning film, *Chariots of Fire*, on which he advised, and that of the best-selling novel, *Flanagan's Run*, which he *wrote, illustrate his familiarity* with stories of triumph against the odds

"It's been a marvellous experience and the boys have responded tremendously well," he says."Even though they came limping in the *morning after the trial at Haringey* Athletics Club, looking like Napoleon's broken army, they performed wonders for two hours."

Time is at a premium for England and Underwood but, as befits the ice-cool image of a fighter pilot, he *is not particularly perturbed about* it.

Underwood: dash and dazzle too often seen shivering in the wings

## Learning how to run for daylight

By David Hands

Jim Telfer, who coached Scotland to their grand slam in *1984*, and David Loveridge, the New *Zealand scrum half who is now* playing for Harlequins, will be offering two views of coaching at a seminar organized by the London division coaching sub-committee in the Institute of Child Health in London's Guilford Street tomorrow (7.30).

It is the second such seminar, last year's having attracted an audience drawn from club coaches, referees and players. On that occasion the guest speakers were Bob Templeton, the Queensland and former Australian coach, and "Chalkie" White, once Leicester's coach and now the Rugby Football Union's divisional technical administrator for the south-west.

Some of the truths expounded on that occasion could be born in mind by the players preparing this week for the first round of the Five Nations Championship. Templeton, for instance, described the opposition 22 as the " 'must-score area'. You must do nothing there which will relieve the pressure on your opponents". Templeton's coaching is based on four principles: go forward, support, seek continuity and pressurize opponents. "We aim to get as many of our players behind the ball as quickly as we can," he says.

White quoted the aphorism attributed *to* Vince Lombardi, the formidable former coach of the American Football team, the Green Bay Packers, who told his players, "run for daylight". Players had to know when to seek the open spaces, which has not been one of British rugby's most appealing features in recent years.

Since there is a direct comparison to be made between New Zealand rugby and the style adopted in Scotland over the last six years, the views of Telfer and Loveridge will make fascinating listening.

## Still hope for internationals

The rugby unions of England and Wales remain optimistic that Saturday's internationals, against Scotland and Ireland respectively, will go ahead despite the freezing weather (David Hands writes). There were flurries of snow in West London and Cardiff yesterday but, under their covers, the pitches remain in good condition.

## Keeping old friends happy

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The latest report of the Rugby Football Union's finance committee for an overall sponsor for the English club championship, the new competition which will come into effect next season, will be discussed, among other matters, by the RFU's full committee at their meeting on Friday.

An announcement regarding the sponsorship, for which the RFU is seeking a minimum sum of £500,000, is expected within the next month. Nevertheless, there has been considerable discussion over the policy of having one overall sponsor, which is seen as excluding many of the firms who have supported rugby union faithfully for several seasons.

A discussion paper was circulated earlier this season among clubs, some 1,000 of whom are hoping to be part of the new championship. The paper argued for a collective sponsorship scheme, which prevented the RFU putting all their eggs in one basket, and suggested a potentially higher revenue than that originally perceived.

The problem, of course, is the same as that attached to the World Cup tournament: with an entirely new competition, no-one can say with any certainty how great its appeal will be and thus, how much revenue it is likely to attract.

The English club championship can clearly be divided in two: the three national divisions, which will attract the greatest publicity in terms of the national media, electronic and written; and the localized divisions, attractive to local media. There is also the middle ground occupied by the two area leagues, north and south.

*The* discussion paper, drawn up by the organizing committee of the English merit tables, states: "The English club championship consists of a wide variety of clubs with varied objectives of their own. For example, a club such as Wasps will have objectives in the game which are different from those held by Old Dunstonians. These different objectives are necessary to satisfy the requirements of any individual who wants to play the game.

"Not everybody wants seriously to play for England, most want an enjoyable but competitive game on a Saturday afternoon. For this same reason we do not believe that the English club championship can be all things to all men.It therefore cannot effectively deliver the benefits sought by any one company."

Sandy Sanders, the RFU treasurer, is looking for conformity, however. "The RFU has always controlled national competitions, that is, the John Player Special Cup and the Thorn EMI county championship and divisional championship," he says. "This is another RFU-controlled competition on a national footing. To get conformity *all* the way through it's ideal to have one sponsor: there is the question of organization and the cost is by no means small.

"The trouble is that, in everything you do, you have to make new friends and perhaps strain *old* friendships. *This* is always sad, but I have the feeling that there is so much existing friends in regional areas could do to continue their interests in the game and keep their brand image to the forefront, that we need not part company — just change course."

Mr Sanders described rugby union as moving into a new era. There are some of the game's officials who have been surprised at the large number of clubs wishing to take part in the new championship — more than half of those in membership — and they wonder whether the initial enthusiasm will survive the demands of the championship.

It may be that, in the early years, there will be a levelling-down process which will see some clubs reverting to their old, friendly, status. It will also, surely, be the case that both the RFU and their new sponsor will review the situation after a few seasons to ensure that the competition is working as both sides would wish. While such a fluid situation exists, one overall sponsor may conceivably be the better bet, though the image of the game will need continual burnishing

## Barclay's departure delayed

David Barclay will remain as Rosslyn Park's coach for the time being and probably until the end of this season when, in any case, he has indicated his intention to resign (David Hands writes).

Barclay has attracted a fair share of publicity this season for his part in bringing a South African touring side, the Hedgehogs, to England and for introducing two South African internationals, Garth Wright and Anton Barnard, to his club over Christmas.

Not every member of the club has shared his enthusiasm for a South African connection and his immediate future was *discussed at an executive committee* meeting on Monday night. Yesterday David Whittam, the club's secretary, said: "The question of the appointment of a new coach for next season has been referred to the appropriate committee." A *successor will not be named for* several weeks.

- Because of the weather, today's Hospital Cup first round match between King's College and St George's at Dog Kennel Hill has been postponed. A new date has not yet been decided. *The other first round match*, between Charing Cross/Westminster and St Bartholomew's at Cobham, is scheduled for next Wednesday.

## SNOW REPORTS

| | Depth (cm) L | U | Piste | Conditions Off Piste | Runs to resort | Weather (5pm) | °C |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **AUSTRIA** | | | | | | | |
| Igls | 30 | 80 | good | varied | good | fair | -10 |
| Wind blown on upper slopes | | | | | | | |
| St Anton | 110 | 370 | good | varied | good | fair | -6 |
| *Everything open* | | | | | | | |
| **FRANCE** | | | | | | | |
| La Plagne | 145 | 230 | good | powder | good | fine | -6 |
| Excellent conditions | | | | | | | |
| Les Arcs | 95 | 185 | good | powder | good | cold | -20 |
| Powder on hard base | | | | | | | |
| Megève | 90 | 170 | good | powder | good | cloud | -6 |
| Good skiing everywhere | | | | | | | |
| Morzine | 90 | 220 | good | powder | good | fine | -7 |
| *Powder on and off piste* | | | | | | | |
| Val Thorens | 200 | 270 | good | varied | good | sun | -3 |
| Piste skiing good everywhere | | | | | | | |
| **ITALY** | | | | | | | |
| Courmayeur | 90 | 180 | good | powder | fair | snow | -5 |
| Deep powder on hard base | | | | | | | |
| **SWITZERLAND** | | | | | | | |
| Davos | 100 | 170 | good | powder | good | fine | -7 |
| Excellent skiing conditions | | | | | | | |
| Grindelwald | 70 | 150 | good | powder | fair | fine | -12 |
| Excellent skiing conditions | | | | | | | |
| Mürren | 140 | 180 | good | heavy | good | fine | -5 |
| Excellent skiing on all pistes | | | | | | | |
| Villars | 60 | 165 | good | varied | good | sun | -1 |
| Blown snow on hard base | | | | | | | |

In the above reports, supplied by representatives *of the Ski Club of Great* Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

**SCOTLAND**

**Cairngorm:** upper runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete but narrow, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1800ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, clear; snow level, 2000ft. **Lecht:** upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, powder snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, powder snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, powder snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, roads blocked from *Aberdeen side, other roads clear;* snow level, 2000ft. **Glenshee:** upper runs, runs complete, powder snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete powder, snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, powder snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1500ft; hill roads, blocked; main roads, blocked; snow level, 1000ft. **Glencoe** (weekends only): upper runs, runs complete, powder snow on a hard base; lower slopes, runs complete, powder snow on a hard base; vertical runs, 1700ft; hill roads, slight snow; main roads, clear; snow level, 1000ft. Forecast for skiing areas today: showers or longer periods of snow which will be heavy and prolonged; remaining very cold with severe overnight frost; moderate north-easterly winds will cause considerable drifting. **Outlook for tomorrow:** continuing very cold with further snow showers; moderate north-easterly winds.

- Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

## On the dotted line

Middlesbrough's central defender, Gary Pallister, has signed a new and improved contract to the end of next season. The former Northern League player has been linked this season with a number of first division clubs.

## Podler wins

Lavarone, Italy (AP) — Toni Podler, of Sweden, beat Ivan Mjandin, of the Soviet Union, by 23 seconds to win the three-stage Millegrobbe international ski cross-country competition in this north Italian resort.

**SQUASH RACKETS**

## Norman has hard fight

By Colin McQuillan

John Ransome, the Ardleigh Hall first string who last week seriously challenged Bryan Beeson, the national champion, in the American Express Premier League, raised his game another level yesterday by pressing the world champion, Ross Norman, just as hard in the fixture against InterCity Cannons in London.

Ransome is a plain player of increasing strength. He took a 2-0 and 6-5 lead over Beeson in last week's match against Chapel Allerton and, yesterday, he startled the world champion by taking the first game 9-1 and then fighting back from 2-6 in the second to win it 9-7.

Norman admitted later that he did not prepare well enough for the Essex champion, aged 22."Normally I spend a whole day before a match thinking myself into it. In the League you really have to take things as they come. I must start using these matches to sharpen my fight-back technique.

"John is a tough opponent, very hard to read. He was a bit lucky getting back into the second game, but then he would not let go of it," Norman said.

The world champion has just been signed by Dunlop Sport and is experimenting with their rackets. He changed rackets after the first game and was not seriously in trouble after.

### New deal

Middlesbrough, the third division leaders, have signed a shirt sponsorship deal with Dickens, a north-east hypermarket chain, for an undisclosed sum.

### Fair play

Last year's Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Everton raised £194,000 which has been distributed to a number of charitable organizations, the Football Association has announced.

### Counted in

Martina Navratilova, the world No. 1, has confirmed her entry for the £1 million Lipton International players' championship at Key Biscayne, Florida, from February 23 to March 8.

**BOAT SHOW DIARY**

## Calder's book a winner

By Roger Lean-Vercoe

**Nigel Calder, a BBC TV scriptwriter and former editor of the *New Scientist*, has been awarded the annual Book of the Sea prize for his work *The English Channel*, it was announced at the London International Boat Show yesterday.**

**Chosen from 32 entrants for *the award, The English Channel* (Chatto and Windus, £12.95), conveys the reader on a journey from Ushant to Flanders, across the straits of Dover and westwards to Devon and Cornwall in a subtle blend of travel, history and science.**

***This £1,000 award, for* "the best work of non-fiction contributing to the knowledge and enjoyment of those who love the sea", is jointly donated by King George's Fund for Sailors and the *Daily Express.***

**Runner-up in the competition, with a prize of *£250*, was Jonathan Raban, whose cruise around the British Isles in a 30ft yacht is recorded with a sceptical eye in his book, *Coasting* (Collins Harvill, £10.95). Third prize was awarded to Dorothy Richardson for *The Quest of Simon Richardson* (Gollancz, £10.95).**

**In it she reconstructs her son's biography from logs and jottings made by him during voyages with the Arctic explorer, Major Bill Tillman, aboard Baroque. Sadly, Simon was lost on a subsequent voyage to the Arctic with the veteran explorer aboard the converted French tug, En Avant.**

- **Whatever the outcome of the final selection races to choose the challenger for next month's America's Cup races, it looks as if there will be a re-run of the event during the Westerly Royal Lymington Cup. Both Chris Dickson, the skipper of New Zealand, and Peter Isler, the Stars and Stripes navigator, have confirmed that they will attend the match racing event which is due to be run off Lymington from May 7 to 10.**

**Isler won last year's event after beating Chris Dickson in the final race on the water, as well as in the protest room afterwards. Once again the event will be sailed in 32 foot Westerly Fulmars, supplied by the Westerly Sea School.**

## FOR THE RECORD

### GOLF

**SONY WORLD RANKINGS:** 1, G Norman (Aus), 1,543pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp), 1,175; 3, B Langer (WG), 1,169; 4, T Nakajima (Japan), 899; 5, A Bean (US), 894; 6, H Sutton (US), 690; =7, B Tway (US) and P Stewart (US), 652; 9, C Strange (US), 646; 10, S Lyle (GB), 635.

### HOCKEY

**NEW DELHI:** Indira Gandhi tournament: South Korea bt Poland 1-0; The Netherlands bt Spain 2-1.

### ICE HOCKEY

**NORTH AMERICA:** National League (NHL): Boston Bruins 4, New York Rangers 1; Montreal Canadiens 2, Toronto Maple Leafs 1; New Jersey Devils 7, Hartford Whalers 5 (ot); St Louis Blues 4, Minnesota North Stars 4

### SQUASH RACKETS

**AMERICAN EXPRESS PREMIER LEAGUE:** Inter-City Cannons (London) 5, Ardleigh Hall (Colchester) 0. (Cannons names first): R Norman bt J Ransome, 1-9, 7-9, 9-0, 9-3, 9-1; J Hickox bt D Harris, 9-5, 8-9, 10-9, 9-3; N Harvey bt L Gomez, 10-8, 9-2, 9-4; D Lee bt R Elliott 9-3, 9-4, 9-3; N Stiles bt C Walker, 10-8, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3.

**LONDONDERRY CUP:** Whitgift 4, Ellesmere College 1.

### FOOTBALL

**ATHENS:** European championship under-21 qualifier: Greece 5, Cyprus 1.

Group five table

| | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Greece | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 3 | 6 |
| Poland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Hungary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Cyprus | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 0 |

### BOXING

**STOCKHOLM:** International amateur tournament: 51kg: A Bakejev (USSR) bt R Biljus (USSR), wo. *54kg: E Lara (Cuba) bt G* Basillon (Can), disq 3rd. 57kg: E Fonseca (Cuba) bt I Thompson (Can), rsc 2nd. 60kg: S Mezzenga (Neth) bt S Khachaturian (USSR), pts. 63.5kg: H Turnagov (Bul) bt J Nagy, (Hun), pts. 67kg: I Rushnikov (USSR) bt H Kovachev (Bul), pts. 71kg: V Yegorov (USSR) bt A Stojanov (Bul), pts. 75kg: E Marcus (Can) bt R Taramov (USSR), pts. 81kg: P Lassanen (Fin) bt A Karavejev (USSR), pts. 91kg: A Solkin (USSR) bt P Nyman (Swe), rsc 2nd. Over 91kg: L Lewis (Can) bt A Burmistrov (USSR), rsc 2nd.

### DARTS

**FRIMLEY GREEN, Surrey:** Embassy World Championship: Men's first round: F Devoogt (Bel) bt A Gill (Can), 3-1; J Wilson (Sco) bt C Morgan (Wal), 3-0; M Gregory (Eng) bt L Rees (Wal), 3-0; R Gardner (Eng) bt A Glazer (Eng), 3-0.

### BASKETBALL

**NORTH AMERICA:** National Association (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 125, Los Angeles *Clippers 115; Washington Bullets 113,* Sacramento Kings 109.

## Out of favour

Evaristo de Macedo, the former Brazilian football international who was sacked as manager of Iraq last June after the national side had lost all three of their first round matches at the World Cup in Mexico, has been dismissed as manager of Qatar.

**FOOTBALL**

# Leicester keep the bargain hunters at bay for Smith

Leicester City are determined to hold out for a fee of at least £1 million before selling the forward Alan *Smith to* one of the major clubs competing for his signature. Arsenal, Manchester United and Liverpool are among the clubs who have attempted to sign Smith for what Leicester regard as a bargain price.

"There is no way we intend to be ripped off" stressed chairman Terry Shipman last night. "Several offers have been received and rejected. If the big boys think they can pinch him as a cut-price signing they can think again."

Leicester have always felt aggrieved that Everton, backed by an independent tribunal, were able to secure Gary Lineker for £800,000, far below the Filbert Street evaluation.

This was later raised to £1.1 million when Lineker moved to Barcelona and they were paid a contractual percentage. Now Leicester that feel that prolific forward Smith's market value is highlighted by recent transfers. "Everton paid £840,000 for Snodin and he had not played in the first division," Shipman said.

"Aldridge, who is four years older than Smith, cost Liverpool near enough £1 million from Oxford. Where does that leave Alan? I don't see why we should rate him at a lower figure. We have to replace him."

*Leicester claim they would* prefer Smith to sign a new contract at the end of the season because supporters are disenchanted at losing such players. However, freedom of contract makes that possibility *extremely remote.*

Lennie Lawrence, manager of Charlton Athletic, has contacted the West Bromwich Albion manager Ron Saunders about the possibility of signing the former Tottenham Hotspur forward Garth Crooks as he continues *his* efforts to strengthen his squad for the fight against relegation from the first division. Lawrence has now to persuade his board to raise the cash.

The recent sale of John Pearson to Leeds means that Lawrence has raised £70,000 already, but Albion want more than that for Crooks. "I can go no further until I know whether my chairman and board will make extra money available," Lawrence said. "We need to strengthen our squad but we must do it according to our resources."

Meanwhile, Crooks said he knew nothing of a move back to London, where he still has a house. "Until I am told the full situation by my manager I can't really comment," he said.

*The Manchester United* winger Peter Barnes completed his £30,000 return to Manchester City yesterday and immediately looked forward to a first team debut against Liverpool at Maine Road on Saturday.

"Money didn't really come *into my move but anything has* got to be better than playing Central League football at this stage of my career," Barnes said.

## Edinburgh in Games race again

By a Correspondent

The citizens of Edinburgh, still wondering who will eventually foot the bill for the ill-founded, ill-funded Commonwealth Games, have not yet fully realized that one of the worst bad taste jokes of 1986, that Edinburgh would bid next for the World Student Games, would in 1987 become a grim reality.

Tomorrow a delegation from the City of Edinburgh district council will travel to London to make a presentation for the Scottish capital's case to host the 1991 "Student Olympics".

They estimate the operating costs alone at between £15million and£20 million, or if their only rivals, Sheffield, have done their homework better, £23 million. It is a daunting prospect, *but even more so considering* the £4 million shortfall on the Commonwealth fiasco. Once again there is no prospect of direct government support, only a somewhat remote hope of a guarantee against loss should commercial sponsorship fall *short.*

Yet, there is a danger not only that Edinburgh could be chosen as the British candidate but that the British bid could be favourably received by FISU, the international student body. The other candidates on the international scene are Stockholm and Rotterdam, the latter having taken over from Amsterdam.

Another disappointed city, Birmingham, were originally in the list for the student games, which was considered a suitable warm-up meeting for the Olympics. About 5,000 competitors are expected for the 10 sports over a 10-day period. That is more than twice the number who have ever attended a Commonwealth Games.

**HOCKEY**

## InterCity rivals go on parade

By Sydney Friskin

England's world cup players, with the exception of Paul Barber who is injured, can be seen in action in the televised Lada InterCity indoor championship at Crystal Palace on January 30 and 31. The tournament is the first in a package of six events to be sponsored by Lada and is the prelude to the national indoor league which will commence in December 1987.

The Crystal Palace tournament is designed to keep the sport in the public eye by putting the world cup players on the television screen. The BBC will televise the semi-finals and final and also the highlights of some of the pool games for transmission on February 3 in two, half-hour slots.

The eight teams, comprising top players from clubs within the regions of the representative cities, are — Pool A: Birmingham, Southampton, Norwich and London South. Pool B: Hull, Bristol, Manchester and London North. The winners and runners-up of each pool qualify for the semi-finals on January 31 to be followed by the final. Ian Taylor (goalkeeper), Leman, Faulkner, Potter and Kulbir Bhaura are playing for Southampton.

- Invitations have been sent to Australia, Pakistan and South Korea to join Great Britain in the outdoor Lada international classic at Willesden on October 10 and 11. England, preparing for the European championship in Moscow on August 20, will take part in the Home Countries quadrangular in Dublin on July 18 and 19 and have also agreed to play two matches against Belgium in Brussels on August 1 and 2.

**MOTOR RALLYING**

## Air search for drivers

Niamey (AFP) — The organizers of the Paris to Dakar rally yesterday called on air assistance from the French military base in Dakar to help find 14 competitors still missing in Niger's Tenere desert. Four are still missing from last Wednesday's stage, four more from Thursday and six from Saturday.

A French transport plane will join the rally's own search team, comprising a helicopter and three planes, which continued to scour the desert yesterday.

Peugeot, who this year have forsaken world championship *car rallying after two consecutive* world titles, continued to dominate the race on Monday. Their works cars took the first three places in the 10th stage, the fastest being five-times Safari Rally winner Shekhar Mehta and fellow Kenyan navigator Mike Doughty, who averaged 127kmh across rugged terrain.

They were penalized 49min 15sec for the 358km run, four minutes faster than Andrea Zanussi of Italy and six minutes better than former world champion and overall leader Ari Vatanen of Finland.

Japan's Kenjiro Shinozuka, *although unable* to converse much with his French navigator Igor Fenouil, held on to third spot in his Mitsubishi after finishing sixth.

**RESULTS:** 10th stage: Cars: (2hr time limit): 1, S Mehta (Ken), Peugeot 205 T16, 49min 15sec pens; 2, A Zanussi (It), Peugeot 205 T16, 53:20; 3, A Vatanen (Fin), Peugeot 205 T16, 55:32. British placing: 5, A Cowan, Mitsubishi, 1:02:27. Overall: 1, Vatanen, 12hr 19min 47sec; 2, P Zaniroli (Fr), Range Rover, at 2:36.02; 3, K Shinozuka (Jap), Mitsubishi, at 2:39:51. Motorcycles: 1, G Rahier (Bel), BMW, 2hr 49min 52sec; 2, H Auriol (Fr), Cagiva, 2:50:21; 3, C Neveu (Fr), Honda, 2:50:58. Overall: 1, Neveu, 39:29:15; 2, Auriol, at 30:44; 3, *Rahier at 45:51.*

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

### FOOTBALL

*Third round replays*

Bradford City v Oldham Ath ..........

Liverpool v Luton ..........................

Postponed: Brighton v Sheffield United; West Ham v Orient.

**Third division**

Postponed: Port Vale v Bournemouth.

**Scottish premier division**

Postponed: Rangers v Hamilton

**Scottish first division**

Postponed: Airdrie v Kilmarnock; Partick v Clyde; Queen of the South v East Fife.

**CENTRAL LEAGUE:** All matches post*poned.*

**FOOTBALL COMBINATION:** Norwich v Watford; QPR v Charlton (2.0). Postponed: Crystal Palace v West Ham; Oxford United v Brighton.

**MACBAR SOUTH WEST LEAGUE:** Postponed: Plymouth v Shrewsbury.

**GM ACCEPTANCE CUP:** Second round replays: Morecambe v Stafford; Weymouth v Bath.

**SOUTHERN LEAGUE:** Bill Dellow Cup: Second round: Cambridge City v Buckingham (7.45). Premier division: King's Lynn v Crawley. Midland division: VS Rugby v Rushden.

**VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE:** First division: Southwick v Epsom and Ewell. Second division north: Chesham v Hertford.

**BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE:** Sudbury v Tiptree.

### RUGBY UNION

**REPRESENTATIVE MATCH:** Cancelled: Army v Surrey.

**CLUB MATCHES:** Ebbw Vale v Aberavon. Postponed: Swansea v South Glamorgan Institute.

**HOSPITALS CUP:** First round: Postponed: King's College v St George's.

**EAST ANGLIAN CUP:** Group four: Semi-final: Stowmarket v Brantham.

**GREAT MILLS LEAGUE CUP:** Third round: Yeovil v Bristol City; Wellington v Portway Bristol (7.45).

**REPRESENTATIVE MATCH:** Postponed: Combined Services v FA XI (at Portsmouth FC).

### RUGBY LEAGUE

**STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:** Postponed: Hull v Castleford; Hull KR v Barrow; Widnes v Leigh.

### OTHER SPORT

**DARTS:** Embassy World professional championship (at Frimley Green, 7.0).

**HOCKEY:** Pizza Express London League: Bromley v Oxford University (2.15).

**LACROSSE:** Tour match: Sheffield University v Denison University (US).

**RACKETS:** Amateur singles championship (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

**REAL TENNIS:** Henry Leaf Cup (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

**TABLE TENNIS:** England v Finland (at Norwich).

## CRICKET: AUSTRALIA LOOKING TO AN UNLIKELY SOURCE IN THEIR LAST CHANCE TO SALVAGE SOME HONOUR FROM AN UNHAPPY SUMMER

# Taylor on a galumping run to prove that he is no one-day wonder

**From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Sydney**

Will he be a one-day wonder or, as Bill O'Reilly predicts, has he "become a bowler with a great future"? Australia were yesterday pondering the future of Peter Taylor, following his remarkable introduction to Test cricket.

It was a rest day in the fifth Test match, in which Australia, with eight second innings wickets in hand, led England by 142 runs. There were two days left for play, and in Australia's last two barren years Sydney has proved their least unsuccessful hunting ground. They beat West Indies here in January 1985 and New Zealand 10 months later. Now their hopes are justifiably high of accounting for England as well, especially if Taylor can carry on where he left off on Monday.

His club captain says that Taylor thinks of himself as more of a batsman than a bowler. For a long time now he has gone in at No 4 for Northern District, but only since his two world tours (Barbados, Bermuda, Vancouver, New York, Rome, Geneva, the Surrey League, Wales, Cheshire, the Midlands of England etc) with the Australian Old Collegians in 1980 and 1984 has he done much bowling for them.

He is described as being "multi-talented", with a degree in agricultural sciences (he helps to run family holdings in New South Wales) and a golf handicap of three at Pennant Hills, one of Sydney's best courses.

As a bowler Taylor has a "good galumping run" (O'Reilly) and he "comes in over the top of the ball", an Australian expression for having a high arm. This gives him bounce and flight. Whether he has the control and power of spin to put England on the rack remains to be seen.

Of the possible results to the match, a draw appeared to be the narrowest of favourites before play resumed this morning, although the tenor of Border's batting on Monday evening shortened the odds against an Australian victory. Gatting went into the fourth day believing that England still had a chance of winning, and that they should certainly not be beaten. He talked yesterday of "retaining a positive attitude". If, by that, he means that England will go for a target tomorrow, even at the risk of losing, it will do Test cricket in Australia a world of good.

Meanwhile, the West Indians have prefaced the one-day knock-out competition, the World Series Cup, which starts in Brisbane on Saturday and lasts for a month, with a plea that the rule precluding the bowling of bouncers in one-day cricket should be rescinded. Otherwise, they say, the game will be killed off. The bid, launched by Richards and supported by Marshall, follows their defeat in the recent one-day tournament in Perth and is revealing in itself.

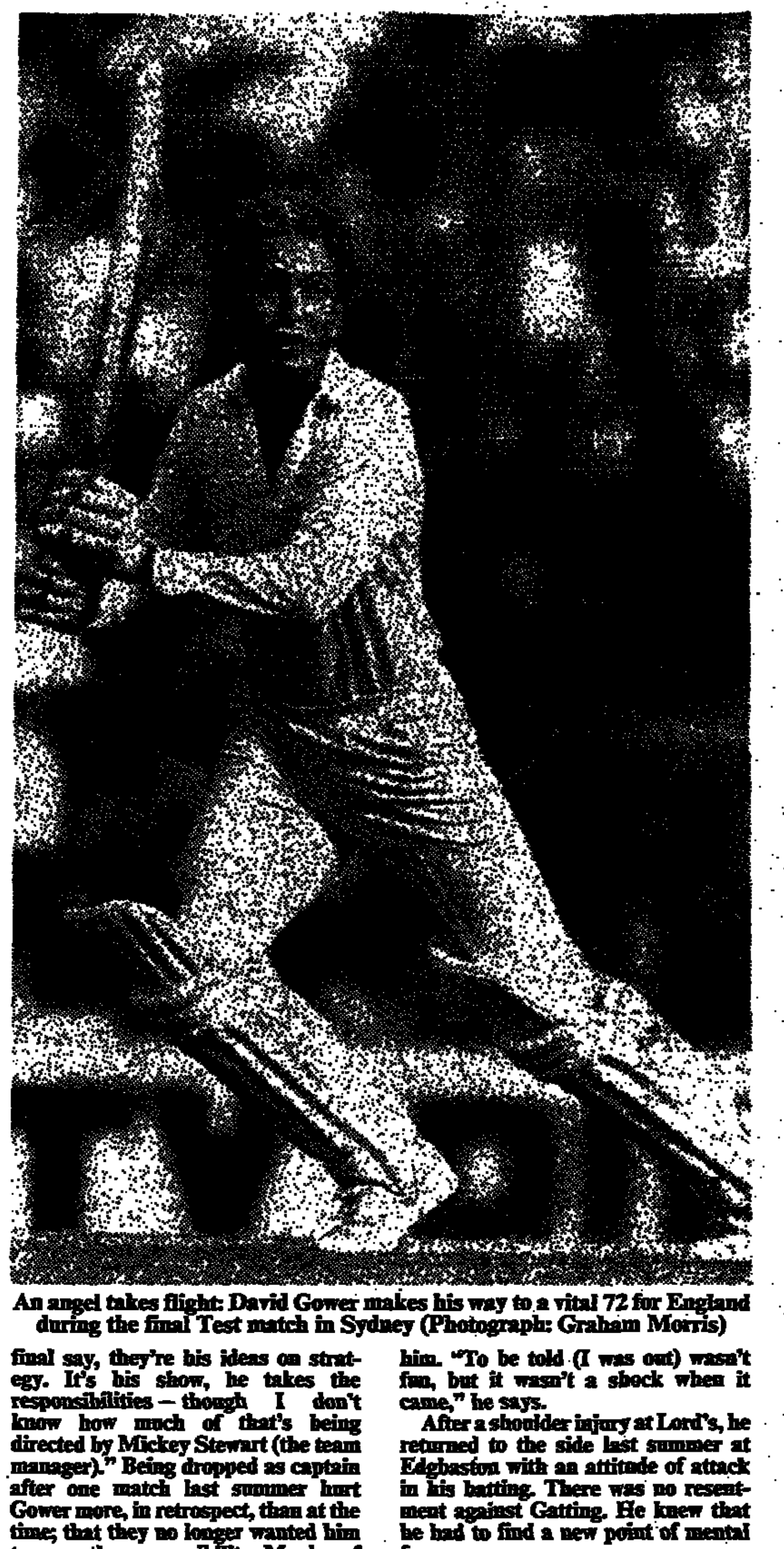
It suggests the West Indians may be doubting for the first time for some years their all-conquering ability. Although they lost the 1983 World Cup final to India their record in one-day games, as in Test matches, has put them far in front of the field throughout the 1980s; and one of the most impressive things about them has been their ability to go on winning when they have had to pitch the ball up in one-day cricket. They have played four times in the World Series Cup over here and always won it.

The first inkling that they were feeling the pinch in one-day matches came in Perth 10 days ago when, after losing to Pakistan and England, they resorted to bowling shorter against Australia and were allowed by the umpires to get away with it. Richards's proposition will, of course, fall on deaf ears.

I like to think that eventually things will move the other way, and that the laws of cricket as they relate to the bowling of short-pitched balls will be brought more into line with the rules of the one-day game. These state that "if the ball passes above head-height of the striker standing upright at the crease the umpires shall call and signal 'wide' ", unless the batsman makes contact with the ball.

# Pride the spur for England's fallen angel

*At the final Test in Sydney, DAVID MILLER, Chief Sports Correspondent, talked to David Gower about the problems of finding motivation after his loss of the England captaincy*



An angel takes flight: David Gower makes his way to a vital 72 for England during the final Test match in Sydney (Photograph: Graham Morris)

The beauty of David Gower's batting, witnessed once more in England's first innings, has always been that it is primarily instinctive. The graceful, unmuscled sweep of the bat, the timing that comes from eye and wrist rather than shoulder and hips: such things cannot be taught. Yet it is a short step from playing by instinct to attempting to play from memory. For how much of this tour, one wonders, has Gower been switched on to autocue during an understandable post-captaincy period of disillusionment?

His tour average is average, in the mid-thirties, with 400 runs including one century and two fifties. Hardly your definitive Gower. How much had his demotion affected his appetite for the game, his power of concentration? Had he been on memory-computer?

"The hardest part, having stepped down," he admitted, "is not to let the mind wander, not to start thinking 'what do I do now, where's the stimulus?' There's nothing like being captain, or even vice-captain, it adds to the responsibility you have to yourself as a player."

He never has been, he says, an accumulation batsman, squirrelling away the runs with aggregate totals at the back of his mind, moving peg by peg, 500 by 500, up the statistics, Boycott-fashion. He is motivated by more dramatic challenges.

"During the Australian tour of '79-'80 I had played reasonably well, hitting 98 not out at Sydney, but was dropped when I got back home and there was a lull in my career. On the '82-'83 tour, when I was vice-captain, I had a lot to prove and played some of my best cricket. The only thing wrong with my 70 at Perth was that I got out. I felt like I could score 200, or 800! I think it was the best I've ever played."

Being naturally gifted in sport is both a virtue and a penance. Games players like Gower want to win because they cannot help it, not because they drove themselves to be better. It is part of the appeal and, in poorer times, of their failure. Freed from the responsibility of captaincy, Gower is not still calculating the tactics moment by moment with a captain's eye view.

"You think about the match but your mind drifts," he says. "You switch off. You want either to be involved or not at all. Being on the selection committee is neither here nor there. You can be as authoritative as you like but the captain has the final say, they're his ideas on strategy. It's his show, he takes the responsibilities – though I don't know how much of that's being directed by Mickey Stewart (the team manager)." Being dropped as captain after one match last summer hurt Gower more, in retrospect, than at the time; that they no longer wanted him to carry the responsibility. Maybe, of course, he had not shown enough leadership, but the build-up of criticism of him and of the side offended him. "To be told (I was out) wasn't fun, but it wasn't a shock when it came," he says.

After a shoulder injury at Lord's, he returned to the side last summer at Edgbaston with an attitude of attack in his batting. There was no resentment against Gatting. He knew that he had to find a new point of mental focus.

"Of course an Ashes series keeps you going, there's your own pride and performance, but if you lose the will to do the job, then it's time to pack up," he says. There has, he concedes, been days when he has felt pretty low on the tour, when he has not been positive: at the wrong end of the scale of aggression and concentration. It has worried him.

"At Melbourne, in the fourth Test, I badly needed to stay at the crease, to be positive – and I wasn't. It was disappointing, not so much to be out (for seven), but to have to admit I knew the probability before I reached the wicket. There's that feeling as you walk out, yes or no, something clicks as you pull on your gloves and hat, and the doubts disappear. Playing the first ball tells you immediately how you feel."

After Melbourne, he had to stand back and take a long look at himself. To overhear people talking about retirement was stimulating! When cricket gave him so much, when he still enjoyed the game, to slide out now would be absurd. It was up to him.

"To keep enjoying it means to keep getting runs," he said. "To keep playing Test cricket, I have to be playing it well. If I can maintain concentration, I think I can still be good for some time to come. Two years, five years. I haven't a clue. But I'm eternally grateful to the game and I realize what I have to lose and also how much people appreciate what I can do."

Maybe he was born 40 years too late; he should have played in an era when great players took their bat out of the bag, shook the dust off it and went out to bat without a care. Like Compton or Miller.

"In some ways," he says with that wispy, almost furtive smile, "it's been true. Without being arrogant, I wasn't bothered whether I did well. I thought 'this is fun', and making runs was a bonus. I felt happier when I wasn't soul-searching. It was brave, self-confident stuff, believing no one could bowl me out. Then, things altered. You began to feel tiredness, to lose your instinctiveness would diminish your talent."

Gower's game has always been about talent but he has always tried, he says, to make room for other things, not to be wholly cricket-orientated. "If some people say 'if he'd had a few less bottles of fizz and a few more nets, he'd have been better' they might be right!" he concedes. "But it hasn't been a fluke, keeping an international career going nine years. It all depends how you want to lead your life."

My colleague, John Woodcock, has written that he played like an angel on Sunday. It must be hoped that he had rediscovered that power of concentration.

# Tribute at tomb of founder

**By Richard Streeton**

**The anniversary of the death of Thomas Lord, the man who gave his name to the world famous cricket ground, was remembered yesterday by the laying of a commemorative wreath on his tomb at West Meon Parish Church, Hampshire. Colin Cowdrey, the president of the MCC, led the tribute, which was in recognition of the part Lord played in the club's formation in 1787. The simple ceremony marked the official start of the MCC's bicentenary programme.**

Lord, a Yorkshireman, was employed at a London gentleman's club in the early 1780s, whose members played cricket on open land in Islington. Two of them, the Earl of Winchelsea and Charles Lennox, later the fourth Duke of Richmond, offered Lord financial backing to open a private ground for them.

His first site was where Dorset Square now stands and the MCC came into being during the first season it was used. Sundry building developments twice forced Lord to move his ground – taking the original turf with him each time – before he became established at the present Lord's ground in 1814.

Lord was born at Thirsk on November 23, 1755, the son of a farm labourer, whose ancestors, some historians believe, were Scottish. His father originally owned the land he worked but he was penalized for "raising a troop of horse" in support of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Lord, the first member of his family to become a Protestant, was brought up at Diss, Norfolk, and it was there that he learned his cricket. After moving to London, Lord stayed until he bought a farm at West Meon two years before he died, aged 76, on January 13, 1832. His tomb still draws visitors and in 1955 one of the village's inns was renamed after Lord to mark the 200th anniversary of his birth.

FOUNDER OF LORD'S CRICKET GROUND 1787

Wreathed in snow: Cowdrey lays flowers at Lord's grave

# Ranatunga's aggression gives Indians a fright

New Delhi (AP) – Sri Lanka suffered their second successive loss against India yesterday to go 2-1 behind in the five-match one-day series, but after the humiliations of their 2-0 Test defeat and poor showing in Guahati three days ago, they at last gave Kapil Dev's side a few problems.

On the easy-paced Ferozeshah Kotla pitch, after Kapil had won the toss, the visitors put up a brave front and made 208 for six in 44 overs. Kulkarni was the most successful Indian bowler, claiming three wickets for 42 in his first match against Sri Lanka.

The tourists however forgot their fears of the rest of the Indian attack as Gurusinghe led the way, scoring 54 runs off 64 balls, including two sixes and three fours before falling to a magnificent catch by Madan Lal. He was ably supported by de Silva (51) and Ranatunga (41). The vice-captain hit three sixes and two fours to win the man of the match award as he followed this effort by having a hand in all four dismissals before India reached their target with 2.3 overs to spare.

Ranatunga dismissed Gavaskar (36), bowled Vengsarkar (56) and took two excellent catches to send back Srikkanth and Azharuddin before Lamba (57) and Kapil completed the Indian victory.

SRI LANKA

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| J R Ratnayake c Pandit b Kulkarni | 22 |
| P A de Silva b Kulkarni | 51 |
| A Gurusinghe c Madan Lal b Azharuddin | 54 |
| A Ranatunga c Pandit b Kapil Dev | 41 |
| R J Ratnayake c Maninder Singh b Kulkarni | 2 |
| A L F de Mel b Kapil Dev | 5 |
| *L R D Mendis not out | 9 |
| R L Dias not out | 1 |
| Extras (b 2 lb 11, nb 1, w 9) | 23 |
| Total (6 wkts, 44 overs) | 208 |

R S Madugalle, †R G de Alwis and G Labrooy did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-132, 3-158, 4-162, 5-179, 6-201.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 8-0-48-2; Madan Lal 7-1-21-0; Kulkarni 10-0-42-3; Maninder Singh 10-2-30-0; Shastri 7-0-40-0; Azharuddin 2-0-14-1.

INDIA

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| K Srikkanth c Ranatunga b R J Ratnayake | 28 |
| S M Gavaskar c sub b Ranatunga | 36 |
| M Azharuddin c Ranatunga b Labrooy | 6 |
| D B Vengsarkar b Ranatunga | 56 |
| R M Lamba not out | 57 |
| *Kapil Dev not out | 16 |
| Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 8) | 10 |
| Total (4 wkts, 41.3 overs) | 209 |

R J Shastri, †C S Pandit, Maninder Singh, S Madan Lal and R J Kulkarni did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-60, 3-97, 4-163.

BOWLING: R J Ratnayake 8.3-0-48-1; Labrooy 10-0-48-1; de Mel 7-0-36-0; Ranatunga 10-0-42-2; J R Ratnayake 6-0-33-0.

# Gomes in form as W Indies limber up

Townsville (Reuter) – West Indies limbered up for Saturday's first World Series one-day match with England in Brisbane by turning the final day of their match here against Queensland into batting practice.

Larry Gomes was at his most ebullient, scoring 164 not out in 326 minutes as West Indies reached 306 for four when the match was called off. Gomes hit 17 boundaries from 236 balls and shared a second-wicket partnership of 119.

WEST INDIES: 277 for 8 dec (R A Harper 118, T R O Payne 60 not out; M Polzin 5 for 49)

Second Innings

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| D L Haynes c and b Hill | 67 |
| R B Richardson c Healey b McDermott | 7 |
| H A Gomes not out | 164 |
| A L Logie lbw McDermott | 36 |
| *R A Harper b Inwood | 20 |
| W K R Benjamin not out | 4 |
| Extras (6 lb, 2 nb) | 8 |
| Total (4 wkts, 87 overs) | 306 |

†P J L Dujon, T R O Payne, M A Holding, C A Walsh and J Garner did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-131, 3-214, 4-291.

BOWLING: McDermott 12-0-49-2; Tazelaar 15-2-50-0; Henschell 11-1-45-0; Polzin 11-0-27-0; Hill 24-4-93-1; Inwood 12-2-34-1; Barsby 2-0-2-0.

QUEENSLAND: 240 for 7 dec (A B Henschell 130 not out)

B A Courtice, *R B Kerr, G S Trimble, T J Barsby, A B Henschell, B Inwood, †I Healy, C J McDermott, D Tazelaar, J Hill, M Polzin.

# Mallender gives Close the down under sign

**By Martin Searby**

Neil Mallender, the former Northamptonshire fast bowler, has rejected an offer from Yorkshire and is expected to join Somerset. Seven counties have sought to sign him.

Mallender, aged 25, was on the fringe of England selection last summer and Yorkshire were able to join the hunt because he was born in Kirk Sandall, outside York.

Yesterday, in a telephone call from New Zealand where he is playing for Otago, Mallender gave the news to Brian Close, the Yorkshire cricket chairman, who said: "We are terribly disappointed. We made him the best offer we could, taking into account his age and the fact that he is already a capped player. We also offered to assist in other areas but we refuse to be involved in an auction which would upset our salary structure."

While Yorkshire conducted their negotiations by telephone, Somerset, Hampshire, Derbyshire, Kent, Lancashire and Worcestershire had representatives in the Antipodes. It would seem clear that Brian Rose, the Somerset manager, has been able to produce a more persuasive offer, quite apart from the fact that Mallender will no doubt prefer bowling on the pitches at Taunton or Weston-super-Mare to the dead strips at Yorkshire venues, notably Headingley.

# Hard going for rebels against the universities

Pietermaritzburg (AP) – A South African universities XI was 195 for four soon after tea yesterday, the first day of their match against a touring Australian cricket team. Bruce McBride, the students' wicketkeeper, scored 70 not out, the highest score of his first class career. Bad light then stopped play.

Rodney Hogg was the most succesful Australian bowler, taking two wickets. Both he and Terry Alderman are trying to force their way back into the team for the third unofficial test match, due to start in Durban on Saturday.

## SKIING

# Zurbriggen again but Girardelli finds form

Adelboden, Switzerland (AFP) – Pirmin Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, strengthened his position as overall men's World Cup leader when he ended a spell of nearly three years without a giant slalom victory here yesterday.

Already fastest over the first leg, Zurbriggen timed an aggregate 2min 43.23sec to win by 0.11sec from the reigning World Cup holder, Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg.

It was Zurbriggen's fourth victory of the season in all, the other three having all come in downhills, and he consolidated his World Cup lead to 172 points against the 143 of his nearest rival, Markus Wasmeier, West Germany's world giant slalom champion, who managed only eighth place.

Zurbriggen's last giant slalom win came at Aspen, Colorado, in March, 1984, when he also pipped Girardelli.

Girardelli, troubled by a dislocated shoulder early this season, came out unscathed from a spectacular fall in Sunday's super giant slalom in Garmish-Partenkirchen and confirmed his improving form here with the world championships starting in less than a fortnight's time.

Hubert Strolz, of Austria, still seeking a first World Cup win, was third, also his place after the first leg, in 2:43.46. But this could not hide another disappointing performance by the Austrian squad, six of their racers failing to qualify for the second leg.

Girardelli, who set the fastest intermediate time on the second leg of 44.93 seconds, seemed to be heading for his first win of the season when his Swiss rival clocked 45.72 seconds at this point. But Zurbriggen, who had been fastest on the first leg with a 0.99sec advantage over Girardelli, held on over the steep and icy finishing stretch to win by 11 hundredths of a second.

Ingemar Stenmark, the veteran Swede, a five-times winner on the 55-gate Kuonisbergli course with a 376-metre drop, finished fourth, 0.85sec adrift of the winner. The pre-race favourite, Joel Gaspoz of Switzerland, going for his third successive win this season in defence of his World Cup title, failed to finish as did Hans Enn, of Austria, a winner here two years ago.

Only 53 of the 85 starters survived the first leg. Among the prominent fallers was the Sarajevo Olympic giant slalom champion, Switzerland's Max Julen. Richard Pramotton, the current giant slalom leader who is weakened by influenza, came 16th in the first leg and did not bother to compete in the second.

GIANT SLALOM: 1, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2min 43.23sec (1:24.77, 1:18.46); 2, M Girardelli (Lux), 2:43.34 (1:25.76, 1:17.58); 3, H Strolz (Austria), 2:43.46 (1:25.66, 1:17.80); 4, I Stenmark (Swe), 2:43.81 (1:25.68, 1:18.13); 5, F Worndl (WG), 2:44.08 (1:26.35, 1:17.73); 6, M Hangl (Switz), 2:44.35 (1:25.08, 1:19.27); 7, H Stuffer (WG), 2:44.64 (1:26.15, 1:18.49); 8, M Wasmeier (WG), 2:44.75 (1:25.76, 1:18.99); 9, H Mayer (Austria), 2:45.11 (1:26.61, 1:18.50); 10, I Camozzi (It), 2:45.26 (1:26.78, 1:18.48); 10, R Erlacher (It), 2:45.26 (1:26.05, 1:19.21); 12, G Hinterseer (Austria), 2:45.66 (1:26.77, 1:18.89); 13, C Gaidet (Fr), 2:45.83 (1:27.11, 1:18.72); 14, T Burgler (Switz), 2:45.87 (1:27.20, 1:18.77); 15, F McGrath (US), 2:46.04 (1:26.93, 1:19.11). Giant slalom standings: 1, Pramotton, 85 pts; 2, Gaspoz, 62; 3, Zurbriggen, 59; 4, Strolz, 55; 5, Stenmark, 43; 6, Erlacher, 42; 7, Wasmeier, 35; 8, Totsch, 31; 9, A Tomba (It), 29; 10, M Eder (WG), Hangl and R Petrovic (Yug), 23. Overall World Cup standings: 1, Zurbriggen, 172; 2, Wasmeier, 143; 3, R Pramotton (It), 118; 4, Stenmark, 103; 5, J Gaspoz, (Switz), 100; 6, Strolz, 70; 7, B Krizaj (Yug), 68; 8, F Heinzer, (Switz), 67; 9, Girardelli, M Mair (It), and P Müller (Switz), 66; 12, Erlacher, 62; 13, O Totsch (It), 55; 14, K Alpiger (Switz), 52; 15, Peter Wirnsberger (Austria), 46.

## BASKETBALL

# Sunderland's rocky financial road

**By Nicholas Harling**

The decline of Reg Vardy Sunderland, who not so long ago were one of the National League's most powerful teams, will not end in liquidation the club's general manager and coach, Dave Elderkin, said yesterday.

Rumours have been rife recently that Sunderland were about to fold and would not be able to fulfil last weekend's game at Hemel/Watford Royals in the Carlsberg National League. But the game went ahead and the club has survived, for the time being at least.

It was after a meeting yesterday between the Sunderland chairman, Jim Cleghorn, and Peter Vardy, the managing director of the north-east car dealers who sponsor them, that Elderkin confirmed that the players, who have not been receiving all the money owed to them, had been paid. "We are going to carry on," he said. "But the question is whether we can maintain the present level of the playing staff under their present contracts. We hope the answer is yes. We will have to look at the expenditure very carefully to see whether the total package can be maintained."

The proudest club in England when they reached Wembley three years in succession, winning the National Championship play-offs in 1981 and 1983 and finishing runners-up in 1982, Sunderland have deteriorated badly since those halcyon days at the Crowtree Leisure Centre. No sooner had they lost the priceless sponsorship of Austin-Rover than they slipped to ninth place in the League in 1985 and 13th last season. The slump has continued this season and they are currently bottom but one, with only three victories. "From day one this season we've had our backs to the wall," Elderkin said. "We've had an injury crisis and our form and confidence has suffered."

Sunderland, who have already signed Greg McCray, attempted to further rectify matters by bringing in a second American, Russ Saunders, from Scotland, although they still owed Solent money for the England international, Ken Nottage. "We are trying to sort that out with Solent," said Elderkin, who saw the gamble backfire with the repeated failure of his experienced squad to produce results.

The economic blight on Wearside has hardly helped. The crowd for the two home games before Christmas, albeit against attractive opposition, HFS Portsmouth and Leicester, were the two lowest in the club's history.

"The north-east is a very difficult area to operate a sports club in," Elderkin said. "Attendances at sport in general before Christmas are terrible, but in our case it was particularly disastrous. It was a right headache."

A thriving lottery had enabled Sunderland to exist comfortably but the long festive break left them desperately short of cash from that source. "It would have been easy for us to chop a few people all over the place," said Elderkin. "But obviously we didn't want to resort to that."

The only man to depart was, in fact, Jim Brandon, Sunderland's American coach, and Elderkin, who has since filled that particular vacancy, for the fifth time, says the reason was not financial, "but because Brandon was unable to make the transition from player to coach".

Since the club's attempts to raise funds by releasing Peter Mullings and Tony Brown before Friday's transfer deadline also failed, Elderkin has been left fearing the worst if tomorrow's home game with Birmingham is either postponed or fails to draw a good crowd. "Even if Birmingham can get up here, how many people are going to trek through the snow and blizzards to turn up?" he asked. "Getting income from that game is very important to us."

# Breakaway threat from Murray

David Murray, the Murray International Metals team's millionaire owner and company chairman, has threatened to withdraw his sponsorship, currently estimated at £100,000 annually, to the Scottish Basketball Association if progress is not made by January 26, on approving their entry to the breakaway British League.

On Sunday, the clubs involved in the new English-controlled league, Basketball League Limited, met in London to approve the final proposals before meeting the English Basketball Association on January 24 for a final meeting.

"We've completed all our negotiations and are 95 per cent there," said John Deacon, the league chairman who is also chairman of Portsmouth FC and basketball club. "Hopefully all will be finalized on January 24 and we'll be in business."

Deacon has also written on behalf of the new league to the Scottish association offering to meet them before January 24 to discuss their objections to the MIM entry. "The ball's in their court, but there's no animosity as has been alleged in some quarters – it's all been extremely friendly," he said. "We'd obviously like to go ahead with MIM but if that can't be done, then so be it."

MIM, however, are concerned that if the SBA officials do not meet Deacon before the deadline, then all the details will have been finalized and it will be too late to make any amendments.

The MIM sponsorship is approximately twice the budget of the Scottish association, one reason perhaps why they have dominated the scene north of the border in recent years.

While other clubs have gone to the wall after briefly threatening their superiority, such as Glasgow, or struggled with a reduced budget or no sponsorship, such as Falkirk, MIM have strengthened their team and widened the gap on their Scottish rivals to such an extent that they have scarcely have any worthwhile competition.

They are due to meet Paisley Glasgow Airport in the National Girobank Scottish Cup final at Falkirk on January 25 and few would predict anything except an emphatic MIM victory.

# City want Morgan

Bristol City have made a £10,000 bid for the Bristol Rovers forward, Trevor Morgan, and have been promised a decision later in the week. If the transfer goes through it will be the second time City's manager, Terry Cooper, will have signed the 30-year old Londoner.

## GOLF

# A big-money jackpot overcomes tradition

**From John Ballantine, Palm Springs, California**

Whatever the tradition-conscious golfer might think of the more extravagant aspects of the modern American pro-am, such as the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic which starts here tomorrow or the AT and T National Pro-Am (formerly the Bing Crosby) at Pebble Beach in a fortnight's time, the fact is that these two tournaments are far and away the most watched, non-major golf events on television.

Not the least reason is that they were started, developed and improved by two of the cleverest and most astute showmen in the history of Hollywood. Also, they are played at a time of year when much of the USA, like Europe, is under siege by Jack Frost. As the cameras dwell lovingly this weekend on pictures of date palms swaying beneath blue skies and dazzling fairways, greens and blue lakes – artificially dyed, I must add – framed by distant snow-clad mountains, thousands of shivering blue-nosed New Yorkers and Bostonians will say enviously to their wives, "Hey honey, when are we gonna make that trip to the West Coast?"

This is the 28th annual Hope tournament and the British-born comedian, who still swings, sings and wisecracks as if it were pre-war, has made it bigger and better than ever. The prize money now is $900,000 (about £608,000), with the AT and T ofering $660,000 (about £445,000), and there is a record first prize of $162,000 (about £109,460) and a runner-up purse of $97,200 (£65,675) for Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer and Ken Brown and the leading Americans to play for.

Everything about this tournament is big. There are 512 competitors; 128 professionals each play with three different amateurs on the participating courses of PGA West, Bermuda Dunes, Indian Wells and Tamarisk in turn. The leading 70 professionals return for a fifth and final round at PGA West on Sunday.

The glossy programme is a production in itself. It costs $3 (about £2), has 182 pages crammed with adverts and almost underwrites the total cost of the event itself. But massive extra revenue also comes from television and from the amateurs themselves, who pay several thousand dollars each to participate. Hope has donated more than $15½ million since 1960 to local charity, mainly the Eisenhower Medical Centre.

He is now an 18-handicapper, like Andy Williams, Jack Lemmon, Telly Savalas and his two partners tomorrow, ex-President Gerald Ford and House speaker Tip O'Neil. Other celebrities play golf more seriously. Mickey Rooney and Johnny Mathis are both off 12 while the singer Vic Damone, who is one of Lyle's partners at Tamarisk on Thursday, is off 10.

This year, however, there is a new and unknown ingredient in this mix. A new course, PGA West, par 72 and 7,011 yards, is the host venue, where the tournament ends on Sunday. It has all the fearsome characteristics of the tournament players' course in Florida, deep lakes from which greens rise sheer above sleeper-lined bulkheads, billowing sand dunes and – a master touch this – one bunker face 19 feet high alongside the green of the par five 16th. Some hackers' cards are going to be wrecked.

# TELEVISION AND RADIO

**Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle**

Paul Hogan: in part one of Anzacs (BBC1, 2.00pm)

## Big hopes run on little wheels

### CHOICE

● When a BBC TV programme calling itself They Were Only Sixteen (BBC1, 9.30pm) begins with a short and erotic sequence showing a male torso and a female's writhing about in a manner that, on Channel 4, would earn it a little warning triangle in one corner of the picture, you could scarcely be blamed if you thought you were in for an experience aimed principally at the prurient. But you would be wrong, because Tamasin Day-Lewis's pleasant little documentary is singularly lacking in the sensational. It is merely an account of how two young skating dancers set their sights on becoming champions, how their parents backed them up, and what happened when they competed first in the Junior European Championships, and then in the Senior British Championships. To watch Angela Buick and Paul Whitaker in action, albeit on rollerskates and not on ice, is to understand the impact that Torvill and Dean have had on a generation of young skaters. The danger is that T & D might have created a race of clones, and there are moments in Angela's and Paul's routines that confirm this fear. They are, however, two youngsters who respond intelligently to tuition, something you can prove if, thinking back to the opening sequence I have mentioned, you compare it with the later moment in the film when an instructor tells Paul that, in sliding his hand down his partner's body, he should remember that fingers are sensuous things and not pieces of old ham.

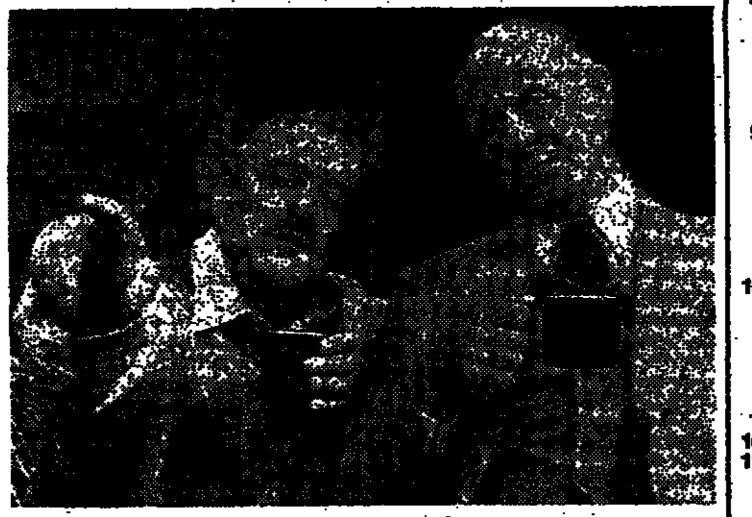
● **Dust and Dreams** (Channel 4, 6.30pm), a compilation of *March of Time* films about the American Depression in the Thirties, stirs memories of *The Grapes of Wrath* with its shots of farming families migrating from the Dust Bowl of the South-West. No doubt about it: the two Johns, Steinbeck and Ford got it right. For me, however, the most interesting thing in *Dust and Dreams* concerns a third John. It is the *March of Time* edition about the campaign by miners' leader John L Lewis to break the monopolistic power of America's TUC of the day - the Federation of Labour. The fiery Welshman certainly lived up to his reputation as a volcano spouting flames and burning lava. Oratory-wise, too, he deserved another label fixed to him: America's Mussolini.

**Peter Davalle**

Angela Buick and Paul Whitaker: They Were Only Sixteen (BBC1,9.30pm)

## BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**
6.30 **News headlines followed by The Flintstones.** (r) **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.
8.40 **Watchdog.** Viewers have the chance to question Peter Thompson of the Solicitors' Complaints Bureau. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 **News and weather 9.05 Day to Day.** With Robert Kilroy-Silk. **9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald continues with her advice on dealing with debt.
10.00 **News and weather 10.05 Neighbours** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Programme news. **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Willo the Wisp.** (r)
10.55 **Five to Eleven.** T.P.McKenna with a thought for the day. **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Holiday 87.** A repeat of yesterday's programme which included, among other items, reports from Mauritius and Skegness **11.35 Open Air,** with news and weather at 12.00.
12.25 **Wildlife Showcase.** A documentary about the box jellyfish, a native of the waters off Queensland, which has tentacles that can produce unbearable pain. (r) **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Max discovers why Shane went away **1.45 Chock-a-Block.** (r)
2.00 **Anzacs.** Episode three of the five-part mini-series following the fortunes of a group of Australians during the First World War. Starring Paul Hogan.
3.40 **Classic Fairy Tales.** Sheila Hancock with the tale of The Ugly Duckling. (r) **3.55 Henry's Cat.** (r) **4.10 The Hunter.** (r) **4.15 Jackanory.** Griff Rhys Jones reads part one of The Church Cat Abroad. (r) **4.25 Bananaman.** (r) **4.30 You Should Be So Lucky!** Talent competition between stage schools throughout the country.
4.55 **Newsround** with Roger Finn **5.05 Treasure Houses.** The ruins of what once housed the engines that powered the pumps used in Cornwall's tin-mining industry.
5.35 **First Class.** Video quiz for schools.
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** On the guest list tonight are John Cole, Jacqui Elliott, and Tom O'Connor. Music is provided by Drum Theatre
7.35 **The Muppet Show.** The guest is Diana Ross.
8.00 **Dallas.** Miss Ellie recruits the help of her sons when husband Clayton threatens to do something silly. (Ceefax)
8.50 **Points of View** with Anne Robinson.
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.30 **They Were Only Sixteen.** Profiles of Paul Whittaker and Angela Buick as they strive to become the youngest couple to win the British roller dance championship. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.20 **Film: The Earthling** (1980) starring William Holden and Ricky Schroder. Drama about a young, recently orphaned, boy, looking for help in the Australian outback, who, deep in the bush, stumbles across Patrick Foley, a loner suffering from cancer. Together they help each other to survive. Directed by Peter Collinson.
11.55 **Weather.**



Bernard Cribbins and Richard Wilson: they play the brothers-in-law in High & Dry (ITV, 8.30pm)

## BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**
2.00 **News and weather.**
2.02 **Sports Afternoon,** introduced by David Icke, includes darts, indoor hockey, a preview of Rugby Union's Five Nations Championship, and a report on the fourth day's play in the Fifth Test. (including news and weather at 3.00)
3.50 **News,** regional news and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** The guests include Debbie Greenwood and her mother; and joking-for-charity vicars. Plus the start of the Slim to Win competition.
4.35 **The World of the 30s.** The first of a new series of 12 programmes about the years between the Depression and the Second World War. This afternoon's programme tells the story of the Wall Street crash, and American life from Prohibition to 1939.
5.05 **My Music.** Lighthearted test of musical knowlege presented by Steve Race. With Frank Muir, John Amis, Denis Norden, and Ian Wallace. (r)
5.30 **Cover to Cover.** Jill Neville talks to this year's winner of the Whitbread Book of the Year award, announced last night; and reviews the latest paperbacks and hardbacks including Robert Hughes's controversial new history of Australia, The Fatal Shore.
6.00 **Film: Bootlegging** (1974) starring Slim Pickens, Paul Koslo, and Jaclyn Smith. Drama, set in Thirties Northern Arkansas, about a pair of feuding bootlegging families. Directed by Charles B. Pierce.
7.35 **Cricket: Fifth Test.** Richie Benaud introduces highlights of the fourth day's play.
8.00 **Whistle Test.** The first of a new series of the rock show, presented by Andy Kershaw and Mark Ellen.
8.30 **Out of Court** presented by David Jessel and Sue Cook.
9.00 **M*A*S*H.** 'Tis deep midwinter and supplies are running very low. But is this the reason Hawkeye and Trapper are tearing up old medical journals into toilet paper-size pieces? (r)
9.25 **Filthy Rich and Catflap.** Comedy series starring Adrian Edmondson, Rik Mayall, and Nigel Planer. By a sheer fluke, has-been comic Richie Rich's agent has managed to find him a slot on a new television game show.
10.00 **World Darts.** The last of the second round matches in the Embassy World Professional Championship, introduced by Tony Gubba from the Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green, Surrey. The commentators are Sid Waddell and Tony Green.
10.30 **Newsnight. 11.15 Weather.**
11.20 **World Darts.** A further visit to the Lakeside Country Club for the last of the second round matches in the Embassy World Professional Championship. Ends at 12.15.

## ITV/LONDON

6.15 **TV-am** presented by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.28 and 6.58; news at 6.30; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35**. After Nine includes a repeat of a Su Pollard interview; Claire Rayner with advice on relationships; and, at 9.17, exercises with Lizzie Webb.
9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Robostory.** Cartoon. **9.50 Beyond 2000.** Technology of the future **10.40 Struggle Beneath the Sea.** The Cleaner Wrasse. (r)
11.05 **Film: The Fabulous Joe** (1947) starring Walter Abel. Comedy about a man who inherits a dog that can talk. Directed by Harve Foster.
12.00 **Button Moon.** Puppet series for the very young. (r) **12.10 Allsorts 12.30 Wish You Were Here...?** A repeat of Monday's programme which included Judith Chalmers investigating the traditional British sea-side landlady.
1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 **A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in a remote Australian outback town **2.30 On the Market.** Susan Brooks and Mark Gorton with advice on the best food buys. The guest chef is Antonio Carluccio.
3.00 **Amoebas to Zebras.** Wildlife and nature quiz presented by Nigel Rees. The panelists are Terry Nutkins, Liz Bomford, and Tegwyn Harris. **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Creepy Crawlies.** Animated series for the young **4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 Sooty** presented by Matthew Corbett. **4.45 Y.E.S.** Adventure of a group of young people who have started a Youth Enquiry Service.
5.15 **Blockbusters.** General knowledge quiz game for teenagers presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with news of Careline, London's only fixed-route bus service which carries people in wheelchairs.
6.35 **Crossroads.** Benny spies a removal van outside the village shop.
7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Eamonn Andrews emotionally mugs another unsuspecting worthy.
7.30 **Coronation Street.** Audrey is worried about daughter Gail's future; while Terry Duckworth's seems to be at the mercy of Alf . (Oracle)
8.00 **Sporting Triangles.** Sports quiz presented by Nick Owen. The regular team captains, Jimmy Greaves and Tessa Sanderson, are joined by Willie Carson, Frank Bruno, Harvey Smith, and Terry Griffiths.
8.30 **High and Dry.** Comedy series about a man who buys a derelict pier. Starring Bernard Cribbins. (Oracle)
9.00 **The Equalizer.** McCall is asked by his deadliest enemy to help in the killing of a man and a woman - the woman being an old lover of both McCall and the hit-man. Starring Edward Woodward, John de Vries, and Alberta Watson. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall.
10.30 **Midweek Sport Special,** presented by Nick Owen, includes highlights from FA Cup Third Round replays.
11.40 **Film: Locker 69*** (1962) starring Eddie Byrne. A private detective discovers his employer's body in a pool of blood, but by the time the police arrive, the corpse has disappeared. Directed by Norman Harrison.
12.45 **Night Thoughts.**

Mike Jolly, of Madame Tussaud's, with a waxwork effigy of Joan Collins: The Marketing Mix (Channel 4, 6.00pm)

## CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.**
2.30 **Film: Fashions of 1934*** (1934) starring William Powell and Bette Davis. Comedy about a group of fashion spies in Paris to pirate the latest designs. The fashion parade finale features a Busby Berkeley routine. Directed by William Dieterle.
4.00 **Mavis on 4.** Mavis Nicholson travels to Dorset to meet a couple who were determined to live and work in the country. David and Sarah Burnett have succeeded - he as a book publisher, she with a knitwear business.
4.30 **Jigsaw.** Dickie Davies with another round of the quiz game for pairs.
5.00 **Silents, Please*** Part one of a two-episode condensed version of Don Juan, the 1926 film directed by Alan Crosland, starring John Barrymore as the legendary lover, with Mary Astor and Myrna Loy among his conquests.
5.30 **16 Plus.** Part one of a two-programme examination of what the Government's Youth Training Scheme has to offer. (r)
6.00 **The Marketing Mix.** The first programme in a repeat series of ten about the world of marketing. (Oracle)
6.30 **Dust and Dreams.** The March of Time cinema news magazine's look at America's lifestyle between 1935 and 1951. (see Choice) (Oracle)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Christabel King includes a report on Placido Domingo's return to the Royal Opera.
7.50 **Comment.** The political slot this week is filled by Humfrey Malins, Conservative MP for Croydon, NW. **Weather.**
8.00 **Looking into Paintings.** The final programme of the series and Norbert Lynton examines works by Malevich, Mondrian, Ben Nicholson, and Matisse; and then visits contemporary painter Gillian Ayres at her studio in Wales. (r) (Oracle)
8.30 **Diverse Reports.**
9.00 **Down the Line.** Monthly current affairs programme from Scotland, presented by Julie Davidson.
10.00 **Film: Tracks** (1976) starring Dennis Hooper. Drama about a Vietnam War veteran who, as he escorts the coffin of a dead fellow soldier returning for burial in his home town, gradually cracks up mentally. With Taryn Power, Dean Stockwell, and Topo Swope. Directed by Henry Jaglom.
11.40 **Beyond Belief.** Anthony Clare interviews John Heyn, the new Moderator of the Dutch Reform Church in South Africa, about the Church's role; and if there is a conflict between Church and State.
12.10 **Their Lordships' House.** Highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords. Ends at 12.25

## VARIATIONS

**BBC1** WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 Juice 11.55-12.00 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 7.35-7.55 Attic Archives 7.55-8.00 Ringing Strings. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35-7.00 Video Picture Show 11.55-12.00 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

**ANGLIA** As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Cartoon 10.40 Short Story 11.00 Spread Your Wings 11.30-12.00 Show Express 12.30-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 6.00-6.35 About Anglia 11.40 Rock Special 12.30am It's not Fair Lord, Closedown.

**BORDER** As London except: Starts: 9.30am Sesame Street 10.30 Wild Heritage 11.00 Robostory 11.50-12.00 Sea in Their Blood 12.30-1.00 Face the Public 1.20-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 11.45 Show Express 12.10am Closedown.

**CENTRAL** As London except: 9.25am A Chinese Affair 10.15 Underground Movie 10.30-12.00 Film: Piccadilly Third Stop 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Hotel 6.00-6.35 News 11.45 New Avengers 12.40am Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

**CHANNEL** As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Poseidon Files 11.25 Aubrey 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet 12.30-1.00 Big Ice 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 11.40 Bliss in Concert 12.10am Closedown.

**GRANADA** As London except: 9.25am Granada Reports 9.30 Sesame Street 10.30 Struggle Beneath the Sea 11.00 Jacksons 11.25-12.00 Connections 12.30-1.00 This England 1.20 Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.40 Barney Miller 12.10am Short Story 12.35 Closedown.

**HTV WEST** As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Get Along Gang 10.45 Robostory 11.10 Orphans of the Wild 11.30-12.00 Paint Along With Nancy 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 6.00-6.35 News 11.40 Digance at Work 12.10am Tales from the Darkside 12.40 Close

**HTV WALES** As HTV West except: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

**TSW** As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Gods and Heroes 9.45 Short Story 10.30 Man in a Suitcase 11.20 Batfink 11.30-12.00 Horse Sense 12.30-1.00 Gardens for All 1.20-1.30 News 3.00-3.30 Mary 5.15-5.45 Crossroads 6.00 Today South West 6.30-7.00 Emmerdale Farm 11.40 New Avengers 12.40am Postscript, Closedown.

**TVS** As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.30 Poseidon Files 11.30-12.00 Captain Scarlet 12.30-1.00 Coast to Coast People 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 11.40 Bliss in Concert 12.10am Company, Closedown.

**TYNE TEES** As London except: 9.25am News 9.30 Sesame Street 10.25 Film: Pickwick Papers* 11.30-12.00 Short Story 12.30pm-1.00 Lifestyles 1.20 News 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 11.40 Comedy Tonight 12.10am Psalms of Life, Closedown.

**ULSTER** As London except: 9.25am Sesame Street 10.25 Crazy World of Sport 10.50 Cartoon 11.00 Jacksons 11.25 Cartoon 11.35-12.00 Orphans of the Wild 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 History of the Car 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Ask Anne 11.40 James Michener 12.35am News, Closedown.

**YORKSHIRE** As London except: 9.25am Strawberry Shortcake 9.55 Leave it to Mrs O'Brien 10.20 Film: Blondie Goes Latin* 11.30-12.00 Colorado Canyon 12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest 6.00-6.35 Calendar 11.40 Magnum 12.40am Jobfinder

**S4C** Starts: 11.50am Film: Footlight Parade* 1.45pm Their Lordships House 2.00 Jigsaw 2.30 Strangers Abroad 3.30 Silents Please* 4.05 Fflatabalam 4.15 Corachod 4.30 Pen a Chynffon 5.00 Bill-Affrig 5.30 Car 54, Where Are You?* 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Mavis on 4 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Margaret Williams 8.15 Hel Straeon 9.00 Film: MADD — The Candy Lightner Story 10.45 Max Headroom Show 11.15 Out of the Blue and into the Black 12.15am Closedown.

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## Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
New on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then 10.0 and 12 midnight.
5.30am Adrian John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.20pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat 5.45 Simon Mayo 7.30 Janice Long 10.00 John Peel.
VHF Stereo 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 20.00pm As Radio 1

## Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sprots Desks 12.02pm, 1.05, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (mf only). 9.55. Cricket: Fifth Test. Australia v England at 7.07, 7.31, 8.07, 8.31, 9.02, 10.02.
4.00am Charles Nove 5.30 RayMoore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05 David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Thora Hird 5.05 Paul Heiney 7.00 Folk on 2 8.30 Humoresque 9.00 Listen To The Band 10.00 Al Read. 10.15 Tommy Burton's Sportinghouse Quartet 10.30 The Goden Years (Alan Keith) 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Steve Madden 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

## WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30). 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty Four Hours. 7.30 Development '87. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Just a Minute. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 World Today. 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead. 9.45 Patrick Martyn's Music Box. 10.00 News. 10.01 Omnibus. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 No Laughing Matter. 11.25 A Letter From Wales (until 11.30). 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Masterpiece in Miniature. 12.25 Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty Four Hours. 1.30 Development '87. 2.00 Outlook, opening with News. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Future for the Past. 3.30 King Street Junior. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 A Letter From Wales (until 5.15). 8.00 News. 8.09 Twenty Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 News. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Rock Salad. 9.45 Recording of the Week. 10.00 News. 10.09 World Today. 10.25 A Letter From Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Good Books. 11.30 Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 King Street Junior. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Body Talk. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 World Today. 3.30 Pesticides — The Easy Way Out. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review (until 4.45). 5.45 World Today. All times in GMT

## Radio 3

4.55 On medium wave only. Fifth Test. Until 7.05
6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Berlioz (Waverley overture: LSO), Handel ( aria In den angenehmen Buschen: Emma Kirkby, soprano with London Baroque), Ravel (La valse: Martha Argerich and Nelson Freire, pianos), Haydn (Symphony No 46: L'Estro Armonico). 8.00 News
8.05 Concert (continued): Beethoven (Rondo in B flat major, WoO 6: Julius Katchen, piano with LSO), Castillon (Esquisses symphoniques, Op 15: Monte Carlo PO). Chaminade (Concertino for flute and orchestra, Op 107: Galway with RPO), Bernstein (Three dance episodes, On the Town). 9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Kodaly. Nine Piano Pieces, Op 3 (Kornel Zempleni, piano), Duo, Op 7 (Eleanora and Yuli Turovsky (violin and cello)
10.00 Impressions of Brazil: Respighi (Impressioni brasiliane: Philharmonia), Milhaud (Four dances, Saudades do Brazil: French National Orchestra), Villa-Lobos (Momoprecoce, for piano and orchestra: Cristina Ortiz and New Philharmonia)
10.55 Fauré: Piano Quartet No 2 in G minor, Op 45 (Viliers Piano Quartet, with Ian Brown, piano)
11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra (under Ashley Lawrence), with Suzie Meszaros (viola), Mark Troop (piano). Weber (Euryanthe overture), Grainger (My Robin is to the greenwood gone), Milhaud (La parisienne, Quatre visages), Vaughan Williams (Ballad: Moto perpetuo), Johann Strauss (Italian Waltz on themes from The Merry War), Kodaly (Adagio), Elgar (Serenade mauresque, Three characteristic pieces, Op 10), Rossini (Italian Girl in Algiers overture)
12.30 Transatlantic Blues: Recordings made in the 1950s by Big Bill Broonzy. 1.00 News
1.05 Violin and piano recital: Joseph Silverstein (violin), and Kathryn Stott. Mozart (Sonata in E minor, K 304), Fauré (Sonata No 1 in A major, Op 13)
2.00 Liszt and Bartok: BBC SO (under Peter Eotvos), with Zoltan Kocsis (piano). Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1, orchestral version), Bartok (Scherzo for piano and orchestra)
2.50 Record Review: with Paula Vaughan. Includes Geoffrey Norris's guide to recordings of TheNutcracker (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from St Edmundsbury Cathedral. 4.55 News
5.00 Midweek Choice: Hummel (Piano Concerto in B minor: Galling with Innsbruck SO), Mouret (First Suite of Symphonies: Paris Orchestral Ensemble), Poppy (Oriental suite: Berlin State Opera Orchestra), Vaughan Williams (An Oxford Elegy: John Westbrook, speaker, King's College Choir, and Jacques Orchestra), Arthur Benjamin (Pastorale, Arioso and Finale: Lamar Crowson, piano), Strauss (Violin Concerto in D minor: Ulf Hoelscher with Dresden State Orchestra)
7.00 Debut: Hiromi Okada (piano). Szymanowski (Four Studies, Op 4), Brahms (Variations on an original theme, Op 21 No 1)
7.35 Early Romantic Operas: Beethoven's Fidelio. Sung in German. Arnold Schoenberg Choir of Vienna, and Hague Residenz Orchestra, under Nikolaus Harnoncourt. In the cast: Peter Schreier, Julia Varady, Krisztina Laki, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Peter Jelosits and Robert Holl. Act one
9.05 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts,monitored by the BBC.
9.25 Fidelio: act two
10.15 New Premises: arts magazine. With Nigel Andrews
11.00 Violin and piano. Erich Gruenberg (violin), John McCabe (piano). Mozart (Sonata in E flat, K 302), Poulenc (Sonata), Mozart (Sonata in E flat, K 481). 11.57 News
12.00 Fifth Test. Until 2.05am

## Radio 4

Peter Schreier: Fidelio, on Radio 3, 7.55pm

LF (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News, Weather. 6.25 Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament
8.57 Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time
10.30 Morning Story: The Watch by Elie Wiesel. Read by Robert Rietty
10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 79 (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Norman Douglas-Looking Back: Feature on the writer, best remembered for his novel 'South Wind'
11.48 Enquire Within: Neil Landor tackles listeners' queries
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer affairs
12.27pm Some Mother's Son:(s) Part 2 of John Fletcher's six-part serial
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One: News
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. The poet Elizabeth Jennings is the guest.
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play (s) Crackers by Chris Curry. With Paul Copley and Noreen Kershaw in the cast.
3.47 Time for Verse (s) Presented by Kingsley Amis
4.00 News
4.05 Women of the Frontier: Family life of Scots working in the fur trade in the wilderness of mid-17th century Canada
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: Clarinettist Gervase de Peyer talks to Michael Oliver
5.00 News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55-6.0 Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Instant Sunshine... Reasonably Together Again (s) Special guests: The Hot Club of London
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite and investigators tackle injustice, fraud, etc
7.45 Renvyle — The Irish Bayreuth: Profile of the meeting place for writers and artists
8.15 Secret Life at 'Southdowns': Nigel Farrell looks behind the stern facade of a children's home
9.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre (s) Parish Magazine — Second Edition by Joan Bakewell. With Michael Aldridge (r)
9.30 Mixed Metaphores: Poetry by Nigel Forde
9.45 Kaleidoscope with Natalie Wheen. Includes comment on Otello at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, and British Art in the 20th Century at the Royal Academy.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Hottentot Room by Christopher Hope (Part 8 of 12). Reader Jack Klaff.
10.29 Weather
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 Weather. 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.0am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Sounds Inventive (s) 11.20 Quest: Celebrating Guru Nanak's Birthday (s) 11.40 Quest: Celebrating Baisakhi (s). 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner 2.0 French D 2.30 Books, Plays, Poems. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued)

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SPORT

# Richards forsakes daily grind for weekend cricket

**By Richard Streeton**

Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, widely regarded as the world's best batsman, is to play for Rishton in the Lancashire League next summer. A Rishton official is now in Australia, where West Indies are touring, and Richards will sign a one-year contract in Brisbane today. It ends much speculation about his future in English cricket following his sacking by Somerset last autumn.

Richards, who is 35 in March, will be paid between £10,000 and £12,000 for a 21-week season with Rishton, who are only involved in weekend matches. At the most he will be liable to play 26 league games and in four rounds of a cup competition. All fixtures are one-day games, either 46 or 48 overs. The days have long past when league professionals have to help prepare the pitch. Richards, however, will be expected to coach youngsters three evenings a week during Rishton's first team practices.

Richards is the last of the big three names involved in last year's acrimonious dispute with Somerset to find new employment. Joel Garner, the West Indian fast bowler, whose contract, similarly, was not renewed, signed recently for Oldham in the Central Lancashire League. Ian Botham, who resigned in sympathy with the two West Indians, joined Worcestershire last weekend.

For various reasons, neither Garner nor Richards would have been a realistic acquisition for a first-class county. Both are nearing the end of their careers and Richards certainly would have been unavailable in 1988 when West Indies tour England. Counties these days are also limited to playing one overseas player at a time and most already have a leading cricketer under contract.

Economic factors and modern opportunities to play in the county championship have meant fewer famous overseas cricketers have joined league clubs in Lancashire in recent years than used to be the case. Richards is by far the most prominent signing by any league club for more than a decade. Rishton have not had anyone approaching as significant since the West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding played for them in 1981.

"Holding increased our gates from a few hundred to around two or three thousand or more at times and we expect Richards to attract even bigger crowds," said Mr Wilf Woodhouse, the Rishton chairman and a self-employed television engineer. Mr Woodhouse met Richards through Holding five years ago while holidaying in Jamaica.

"I asked Viv then to give us the first option on his services when he felt he had finished with county cricket. When I spoke to him again in September he remembered, and he has kept his word." The Rishton club are able to finance their deal with Richards through the profits of their social section, which is open seven days a week. Rishton, a village near Blackburn with a 6,000 population, is badly hit by unemployment at the present time. "But people still drink a lot of beer," Mr Woodhouse said. "Even if it rained every match next summer we will not lose on the deal."

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Rishton have a small ground, flanked on two sides by houses with short, straight boundaries. "He will get a few sixes but we are insured if he breaks any windows," added Mr Woodhouse. Like all Lancashire League players, Richards will be entitled to a cash collection from the crowd if he passes 50 or takes a certain number of wickets.

David Wells, the Rishton captain, who is a brewery transport manager, was understandably thrilled at the prospect of having Richards in the side. "Apart from his runs, I hope he will get some wickets for us as well," he said. Richards succeeds another West Indian, Winston Davis, whose pace bowling brought him 105 wickets last year. Rishton confirmed they will release Richards if he is selected to play in the MCC v Rest of the World bicentennial match next August.

Under Lancashire League rules, Richards's contract will stipulate he can only play eight matches outside the league during the season. Any additional games he wants to play, even a village match or a benefit appearance, will have to be cleared by the league's management committee. "This is to protect everyone's interests, not least those of the player," said Mr Jim Clarke, the league secretary.

Mr Clarke believes Richards's appearances will give a tremendous fillip to league cricket, which has had an uneven time in recent years. "The players are still adjusting to limited-over matches and bad habits from the county game have crept in, like bowling to contain rather than to take wickets. Richards will have a lot to offer everybody. Our 14 clubs are all closely situated, there are a lot of local derbies and he could thrive in the tense, competitive atmosphere."

Northern League cricket, regarded until recent years with suspicion south of the Trent, has provided employment for famous overseas players for more than 60 years. Learie Constantine, with Nelson in the 1930s, remains one of the best-known examples. Other celebrated cricketers employed since the last war include the Australians Ray Lindwall and Bob Simpson and the West Indians Sobers, Worrell, Walcott and Weekes.

It is a less arduous life in some ways than playing for a county seven days a week and West Indian officials will be pleased that Richards will have fewer demands made on his commitments and physique. In recent months he has looked stale and tired, not least on official tours.

Somerset officials yesterday wished Richards well. They are still anxious to make some form of recognition to Richards and Garner for their services to the county but for the time being the wounds remain too fresh for there to be any contact.

## Bat thief repentant

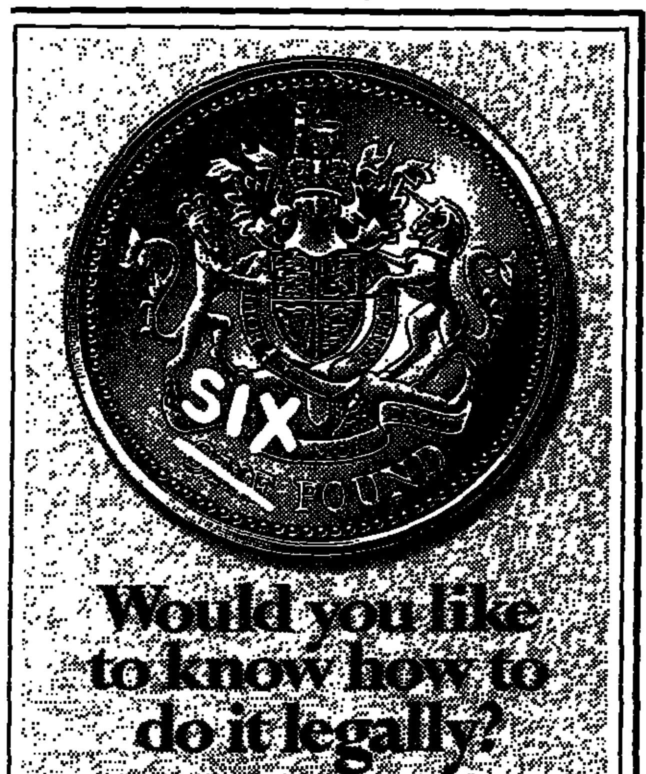
**Ian Botham has been reunited with his favourite bat – thanks to a repentant thief. Botham's heavyweight blade was one of five bats stolen from the England dressing room at the Sydney Cricket Ground in the early hours of Monday morning.**

**But it turned up, wrapped in a polythene bag, on top of a wall surrounding the ground yesterday morning. Also with it was Botham's spare bat and a note which read: "Please give these to Ian Botham."**

**Peter Lush, the England tour manager, said: "The thief must have heard an appeal which we put out on radio and had a change of heart. Ian is naturally delighted."**

**There is still no sign, however, of the other three missing bats. Two belong to Bruce French, and the other is owned by Jack Richards. French also lost a new pair of batting gloves.**

**Noel Neate, the SCG trust general manager, said: "I had put it down to some over enthusiastic souvenir hunters and I'm glad they had at least the conscience to return some of the gear." Botham's prize piece of willow was the one with which he had scored more than 1,500 runs in Tests, including his 138, match-winning effort in Brisbane.**



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## A deadly rival for Matthews

Sydney (Agencies) – Greg Matthews, some time folk hero of Australian cricket, has hidden his disappointment well over the last few days. The all-rounder was quick to congratulate Peter Taylor after a remarkable six for 78 debut in the first innings of the fifth Test against England. But secretly Matthews must have wondered why his own international career has reached a grinding halt.

Last year, his left-handed batting and improving off-spin bowling was the talk of Australia. Home centuries against New Zealand and India, plus another in Wellington during a return series with the Kiwis, established him as a man likely to tear England apart this winter.

Now Matthews, aged 27, has not only lost his Test place – but lost it to a player whom he has always kept out of the New South Wales side. The reason Taylor, aged 30, played only six first-class games before Saturday is simple: his State do not rate him in the same class as Matthews.

Taylor is a spinner who can bat a little; Matthews the opposite. Two men with differing talents but bracketed together and fighting for one place. Today Australia are to name 12 players for the first two matches against England and the West Indies in the World Series Cup. "I'll be very disappointed if I'm not chosen," said Matthews. "But if I'm not, I will set my sights on making runs and wickets for New South Wales instead.

"I'm pleased for Peter, both as a person and a team member. Without his success we wouldn't have a chance of beating England in the fifth Test. I'm grateful to have played 21 Tests already – that's something I didn't think I would do. Now I must spend more time working on my bowling and take the next opportunity that comes along."

### Dilley in demand

Surrey yesterday became the seventh county to give official notice of approach to Kent's 27-year-old England fast bowler Graham Dilley.

# Conner punch to Kiwi jugular

**From Barry Pickthall**
**Fremantle**

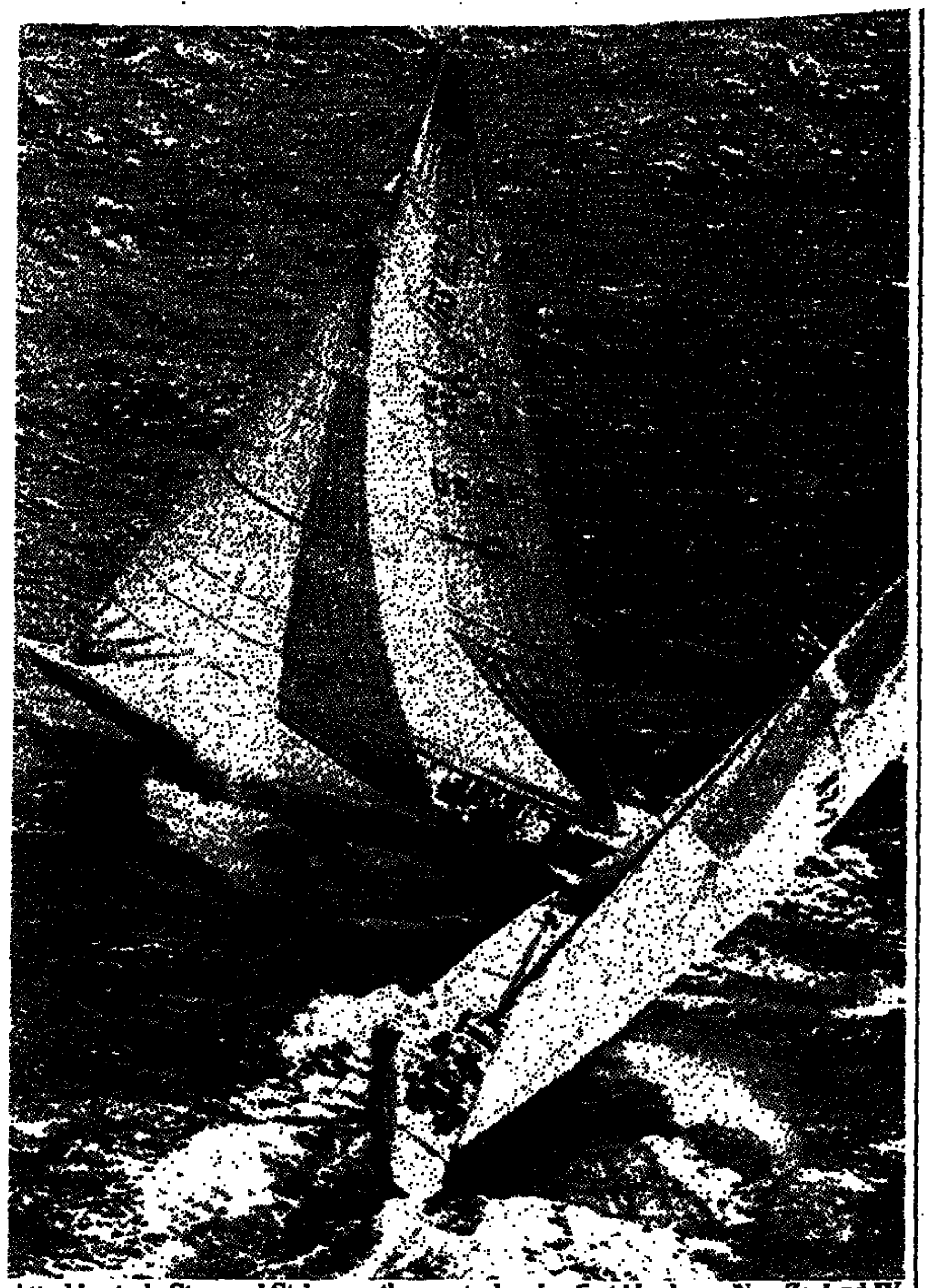
Dennis Conner answered all the barbed baiting comments from Chris Dickson his young rival, in the best manner yesterday, by drawing first blood in their best of seven challenger final in the America's Cup.

Making most of the wind-whipped seas and with Conner at the helm, Stars and Stripes took control of the race from the start, and after dealing the Kiwis a textbook lesson in close covering tactics, chalked up a morale boosting 1min 20sec win at the finish.

That margin of victory belies the closeness of this battle however, for it was only on the last beat when winds had increased from 20 to 26 knots, that Stars and Stripes pulled an extra half minute into the 6 ft seas that threw continuous water across the decks.

Before the start, the San Diego sailor pointedly steered clear of the faster turning New Zealand IV, heading off to hide within the spectator fleet as soon as the preparatory signal fired. When both boats finally re-emerged, the Kiwis, managed to protect the favoured pin-end of the line by reaching parallel to the start line, forcing Conner to tack away. It was a bold plan, and had the Kiwis crossed the line on time, they would have taken immediate control of the race. Instead, they were 10 sec late, three behind the Americans, and tacking to engage the enemy, found themselves forced to duck under their stern.

"We gave away half a boat length, perhaps we should have held our original course longer," Dickson admitted. Conner said: "It was a very close and could have gone either way." Dickson's quick move to the right helped the Kiwis recover lost ground, for when the two yachts closed, Conner was forced to tack under the "Plastic Fantastic".


Attacking tack: Stars and Stripes on the way to drawing first blood over New Zealand IV

Unhappily for New Zealand IV, it was the last time the two boats found themselves on a collision course, for the next approach saw Conner take the initative and maintain a close cover to round the windward mark. A perfect gybe-set then gave the Americans clear air at the start of the spinnaker run, and by continuing to gybe out of phase with the Kiwis, Conner gained an extra two seconds at the leeward mark. Back on the wind again, the Americans displayed greater straight-line speed than New Zealand IV as the winds strengthened, to round the weather mark 30 sec ahead.

After setting their spinnaker, the Stars and Stripes crew were preoccupied with a faulty mainsail luff zipper and by setting a stay sail first, Dickson's crew clawed back five seconds on the first reach and a further eight seconds on the second leg back to leeward. "No, I'm not sure how they gained on us during that second leg. We'll study the videos and try to answer it," said Conner.

The New Zealand deficit was now reduced to 18 sec, but raised hearts across the Tasman Sea were soon dashed in rising oceans at Gage Roads. Trying to shake of the American's close cover, the Kiwis sold them a dummy tack only to be caught head to wind as a huge wave exploded against their bows. It stopped them in their tracks, allowing Conner an even greater margin of safety and the American rounded the third weather mark 41 sec ahead. Now, it was all over, Conner finishing a demoralising 1:20 ahead.

● Making the most of a 40 degrees winds shift, the United Kingdom champion, Simon Cole, moved up to eighth overall in the Swan Premium Laser world championship in Melbourne, recovering from 34th at the first weather mark to take fourth place in yesterday's fourth heat.

**RESULTS: Fourth race:** 1, J Penteado (Br); 2, N Alencastro (Br); 3, C Pedersen (Den); 4, S Cole (UK); 5, K Purdie (NZ). **Leading British placings:** 7, M Budd, 15, J Showell; 19, G Charles; 24, R Stenhouse. **Overall (without discard):** 1, G Svensson (Swe), 33pts; 2, S Wallace (Aus), 38.75pts; 3, G Charles (UK), 56pts; 4, J, Penteado, 58.75pts; 5, N Alencastro, 63pts. **Leading British positions:** 8, S Cole; 10, M Budd; 28, J Showell.

FOOTBALL

# Luton are not overawed

Anfield's undersoil heating almost certainly ensures that the FA Cup third round replay between Liverpool and Luton Town will be one of the few scheduled matches going ahead tonight.

John Moore, the Luton manager, is unconcerned about Luton's poor record in recent matches at the ground, where they have not won in nine League or Cup matches, or about the prospect of switching from Kenilworth Road's artificial pitch to an undersoil-heated surface.

"We are certainly not going to Liverpool believing we are chasing a lost cause," he said. "History might be against us but every sequence has to end one day."

"Sunday's game on our pitch was on a knife-edge and possibly we had the better of it except for our failure to score. We have won three away games in the first division in varying conditions and the challenge of playing a cup tie at Anfield is one our players are bound to respond to," he said.

Liverpool's player-manager, Kenny Dalglish, who has recovered from an ankle injury, has added himself, Gary Ablett and John Wark to the squad of 13 that drew 0-0 at Luton. Steve Nicol is back in training after a five-match absence with a stomach strain but is not match fit.

Bradford City will name their new manager shortly before tonight's third round replay with Oldham Athletic at Valley Parade. It is expected the man to succeed Trevor Cherry, who was dismissed last week, will be Terry Yorath, who recently signed a new three-year contract with Swansea. Yorath was Cherry's assistant at Bradford until last November.

Bradford, who recently invested £30,000 in protective covers, are confident the match will go ahead. The pitch was cleared of 5in of snow yesterday and found to be free from frost. The referee will make an inspection at noon today, but Terry Newman, Bradford's secretary, said: "The only way it would be in danger is if two or three feet of snow fell and in our opinion the ground is playable at the moment".

The winners of the tie will be rewarded with a home tie against Everton.

# Cup reprieve for Gillingham

Treacherous weather conditions in snow-bound Kent have won an FA Cup reprieve for Gillingham, who had been ordered by the Football Association to go ahead with tonight's third round tie at Wigan Athletic.

The match had already been postponed once because Gillingham could not get out of the area, even though the Wigan pitch was fit. Now the FA, following police advice, have told Gillingham that they can play next Monday.

Gillingham yesterday made desperate efforts to assemble their isolated players. They hired a police Land-Rover, while Mark Weatherly, the club captain, took two hours to walk six miles to their Priestfield Stadium. Two other players got stuck in a traffic jam on the M25 and an FA spokesman said: "Gillingham have done all they can and you can't expect them to climb Mount Vesuvius in weather like this."

Other matches put off from tonight until Monday are the West Ham United v Orient replay, Sheffield Wednesday's home game with Derby County, Brighton and Hove Albion's home replay against Sheffield United, Shrewsbury Town v Hull City and Newcastle United v Northampton Town. The West Ham postponement means that their Littlewoods Cup quarter-final tie against Tottenham Hotspur at Upton Park on January 21 has been put back until January 27.

## Early Swindon

Swindon Town's FA Cup fourth round tie against Leeds United will have a 1.30pm kick-off on Sunday, February 1.

# Smith is given a new post

**By Martin Searby**

Steve Smith was yesterday appointed as the Huddersfield Town manager to extend a relationship that has spanned 23 years. The Football League's newest recruit to a most hazardous life joined the Leeds Road staff as a 15-year-old straight from school and, apart from a two-year spell at Halifax, has never left the town where he was born.

Smith, aged 40, has played in all four divisions, captained the side, coached the juniors to Northern Intermediate League and Cup success and run the reserve side so successfully that they are unbeaten this season and are top of the second division of the Central League.

Smith, a modest and dedicated professional, was not expecting the appointment. "I was waiting in my office to give the board the usual report on the club's affairs when the chairman walked in and said 'congratulations, you're the new manager'.

● Swansea City were yesterday fighting to keep their manager, Terry Yorath, at the Vetch Field. The chairman, Doug Sharpe, confirmed that Yorath had requested permission to talk to Bradford City about their vacancy.

## Edwards steps down from England post

Vernon Edwards, the England team doctor who was taken ill during the World Cup finals in Mexico last year, has retired from the post he has held since 1977.

Dr Edwards, whose last match was against Yugoslavia in November, has made a full recovery from the heart problem he suffered in Mexico but has decided it would be advisable to avoid the stress of future tours abroad with England. He has also retired from being a general practitioner but is to continue as Watford's club doctor.

The FA confirmed yesterday that his position is to be taken over by John Crane, one of Arsenal's club doctors, who stood in for Edwards during the World Cup. The FA also announced that proceeds of £194,000 from this season's Charity Shield match between Liverpool and Everton at Wembley had been distributed to various charities.

SPORT IN BRIEF

## Hot timing by Croft

June Croft, Britain's freestyle sprint record holder, showed how well she is thriving on winter training in Australia by winning the 200metres freestyle final in 2min 3.7sec at the Queensland long-course championships in Brisbane yesterday. She left Susie Baumer, Australia's Commonwealth champion, trailing in 2min 10sec.

Croft: thriving in the heat

## Coaches fired

The two coaches in charge of the Soviet team disqualified from the world ice hockey junior championships in Czechoslovakia earlier this month after a brawl with the entire Canadian team have been dismissed "for choosing the wrong tactics" Tass reported. The Canadians were thrown out of the tournament too.

## Pitching in

En-tout-cas have threatened to pull out of any future development of synthetic football pitches if the Football League go ahead with their proposed three-year ban. Don Gordon, the firm's chairman, said they only went into production because they could see an expanding market.

## Imran back

Imran Khan confirmed in Lahore yesterday that he would lead Pakistan in the cricket tour of India beginning next week, withdrawing a threat to quit over the squad selection. But he would be watching the form of all members of the squad and demand the immediate replacement of any off-form players, he said.

## Rugby rift

Talks between the British Amateur Rugby League Association and the Rugby League, over the youth game, have broken down.

## Rebels unrest

Two members of the rebel Australian cricket side touring South Africa, Steve Rixon and John Dyson, have quit as selectors leaving Kim Hughes, the captain, in sole command.

# Britons brazen it out in the cold

**By Simon O'Hagan**

**While British footballers shiver and slither on frozen practice pitches, trying to prepare for a match which might not take place for a month, they will find little comfort in the thought that had they been playing on the Continent they could be spending the worst of the winter in the rather more temperate climes of Tahiti, the West Indies, Africa or Saudi Arabia.**

**Apart from the Mediterranean countries, Britain is the only one in Europe which, with an almost Canute-like obstinacy, attempts to defy nature by playing football throughout the winter. A huge backlog of fixtures in the spring is the inevitable result.**

**In West Germany and France they have given up the unequal struggle. Both countries have traditionally had a three or four-week break spanning the Christmas and New Year period but after enduring two harsh winters in succession they have decided this season to pack up for more than two months. The Germans' last round of matches was on December 6, with their next on February 21; the French break began on December 13 and ends on February 28.**

**"It seems to have been a good idea," a German Football Federation spokesman, Helge Gunther, said yesterday. "The temperature is down to minus 20deg Centigrade, and even if the pitches were fit for playing the ice in the stadiums would make it too dangerous for spectators. We may still have problems when the season resumes."**

## Germans keep in touch indoors

**In the meantime German players are keeping in training by playing indoors. And to get used to the outdoor life again some clubs are off to Spain, Greece or Saudi Arabia during the last two or three weeks of the break.**

**Ironically, there is a club for whom West Germany itself is proving to be the perfect haven at this time of the year. Dynamo Kiev, the great Russian side, are spending this month there, the Soviet Union's domestic season having ended last month. Kiev, of course, has been a good place to get away from lately, and not just because of the weather.**

**The club with the most enviable destination of all must be Olympique Marseilles, the French championship leaders, who have followed the Gauguin trail to Tahiti in the South Pacific. A bunch of softies they may be in the eyes of many a hardened English pro, but beach football never did the Brazilian game any harm.**

**Other French teams are off to West Africa while Bordeaux and Paris Saint-Germain are playing each other in a tournament in the West Indies. But it is not all sun and sand: in order to keep the players at Auxerre and Nancy fit, their managers have taken them to the Alps for cross-country skiing.**

## French game is about equality

**In introducing a two-month break the French are trying to ensure that, at any given point in the season, all teams have played the same number of games. In this country we are used to some teams having games in hand over others – a situation invariably brought about by postponements – even though this can put teams at an advantage at the end of a season.**

**Remember what happened two years ago. With four games to make up at the end of the season Coventry, knowing they had to win them all to stay in the first division, did just that, and poor Norwich were relegated.**

**Such a long mid-season break creates, in effect, two championships, one for the first half of the season and one for the second, something which has run into criticism from some clubs. [illegible] Jacquet, the manager of Bordeaux, feels that the break is so long, and the training methods employed by clubs during it are so varied, that the form players have established by December counts for nothing by the time February comes around.**

**There is also the problem of the summer break, if you can call it a break at all. In France and West Germany this summer it will last just six weeks. Nobody seems to mind, but then they don't have cricket, do they?**

## Crossword winners

The names of the winners of our Christmas crossword competition and the solution will be published tomorrow.